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Thy Will

BE still, tumultuous heart, be still,
Know, do and love thy Father's will;
Thou art forever in His sight,
And His harmonious will is might;
He will all things for thee adjust
If thou thy will to Him but trust.

Cease, rebellious heart, thy cry,
Thy bitter, plaintive questioning "Why?"
God works through strength, not doubts
and fears,
God's smile is seen in joy, not tears;
Let not thy courage fail and fade—
Thy Heaven by thee is marred or made.

—Rose R. Anthon.

Be still!
I am here!
God—thy God—is here.
Love and Peace is here, *now*.
Be still!

Through the power of Spirit man gets
from the world what is best of a worldly
nature for him; our material needs are best
supplied when we live in Spirit.

Aspire for the Perfect and pine not for
those things that please only the senses, if
thou wouldst know and realize peace, har-
mony and melody.

Stir thy soul with the mighty and eter-
nal vibrations of the Silence if thou wouldst
have peace and power.—A. Z.

Sensual pleasures veil the soul from the
Eternal Light and keep it apart from
the Radiant Centre.—A. Z.

Walk in the world, non-attended, as an
eternal god, if thou dost aspire to help the
world.—A. Z.

The power of Soul is the only real and
lasting power that leads us to absolute free-
dom—the Most High.

Art thou, precious soul, harrowed by
Care? Ask God about it in the Silence and
all will be well.

God and His angels are *here*, there, and
everywhere. Why this heated brain?

The blessed Voice of the Silence is sweet,
calm and holy and will thrill thy soul with
bliss. Knowest thou, precious one, the
soothing power of a holy calm?

Come, sweet Spirit! bathe my soul with
Eternal Light.

Dream not in the air! Go deep down
into thy own soul and be refreshed by its
effulgent light and beauty.

Soul is Power.

God seeth thee *now* and is with thee *now*
as thou *now* readest these words—GOD IS
LOVE.

Love God if thou wouldst glorify Him.—
A. Z.

Love and seek God continually if thou
wouldst penetrate the depths of mystic love.

Think and do with but one aim and one
motive—all for the glory of God.

ELEANOR KIRK'S IDEA OF GETTING THERE



HERE?

In what region of infinite
space do these seekers for
happiness expect to find it?

Behold them going up and
down the earth asking of
every traveler they meet:

"Which is the path? Am I getting there?"

Self-made aliens all of them. Looking
for something that they expect to find out-
side of themselves, apart from their homes
and all present environment.

"If I could only get there."

Where?

"Into the kingdom of peace and har-
mony. I read; I study; I listen; I seek
with all my soul for the truth that shall
make me free, and yet my prayers are not
answered. I cannot get there."

Think of it. They are there all the time
and do not know it. There is no other
place where they possibly can be. Truth is
all there is, and there is no change in truth.
It is omnipotent, omniscient, and omni-
present. It cannot be sought; it cannot be
found. *It is*. When you run after it, you
take it with you. Do you strive to run
away from it; it is still yours.

Lies cannot shake it, nor despair reveal
it. It can neither be threatened nor
coaxed. It is your very inmost self—your
divine non-understood *ego*.

"The truth shall make you free"—that
is, the perception of the truth shall strike
off the shackles of illusion. You have
never been anything but the truth. Every
fetter that binds you has been fastened by
yourself. No one in the universe has the
slightest power over you unless you choose
to endow them with such influence. Even
then they have not. It is simply your own
belief that keeps you bound.

There is but one way to "get there."
"Getting there" is simply knowing that you
are there. That way is by the door of
silence. Stop hunting for what you already
possess and sit down in the quietude with
yourself. It makes no difference how small
or how humble the place, God—the Truth—
is not confined to church or drawing-room.
Truth knows no high or low, rich or poor,
educated or ignorant. There is just as
much of God in the little kitchen beside the
tiny cook stove as in the palaces of kings.

"More," some one may say.

No—no more, no less. God is indivisi-
bility. You cannot cut Him to fit the spot.
He is there and you are there because it is
impossible for either or one to be anywhere
else. You can hew and hack and carve and
divide material things, but spirit is forever
one and the same, and you are spirit. You
never were nor never can be anything else,
though you may constantly flaunt your sin
and your shame before your eyes. Become
acquainted with the Real of yourselves, and
the external sins which you so much de-
plore will drop from you faster than leaves
drop from the trees in autumn.

You are not getting there; you are there.
You have never been anywhere else, for
there is no territory outside of Truth.

You talk very learnedly about develop-
ment and growth and evolution. You, the
real you, have never grown. The so-called
law of evolution cannot apply to spirit.
Truth cannot develop. Spirit cannot grow.
There is no evolution possible to what is.
You may learn to spell and put sentences
together; learn a trade or a profession;
but these are intellectual processes, and
generally quite apart from the spirit. This
is what makes study a labor and a disin-
tegration. The intellect is not consciously
founded upon the rock of principle. It is
not aware of its dynamo. So the work
that should be an inspiration destroys the
worker.

Spirit is spontaneity. There are no stints
and no limits in spirit.

Spirit once recognized does the whole
business. Acquirements once coveted fall
as naturally and easily into the mind as the
dews of heaven fall upon the earth. A
knowledge of Truth brings everything to
pass, and you at this moment are in the
very heart of Truth, which is spirit and all
the Good there is. It is simply your igno-
rance concerning your great possessions
that keeps you so fevered and restless; so
poor and sorrowful.

Truth is the light of the world; the sub-
stance or Spirit of God.—Lucy Brack.

All is One. One God and His name One.

You own all things and you are a beggar.
Health and happiness are yours, and yet
you travel to distant countries in pursuit
of them.

To be alone with God men seek the fast-
nesses of the mountains, forsaking kindred
and ignoring the most sacred ties. They
welcome poverty and starvation. They
skeletonize and crumble. What is the use?
Do they find Him?

Truth means enough—wholeness. There
is no truth in poverty.

God is riches. Recognize the allness of
Truth, and poverty, which has no founda-
tion in spirit, is known no more.

It will not avail to seek the Himalayas
or woo rosy crosses for the nectar that
feeds and satisfies.

The study of the occult sciences may
pique the curiosity and tickle the imagina-
tion, but without a realization of Truth as
a foundation such lore is worse than use-
less. It excites and distracts because wob-
bly and disconnected. Unite it with its
source, and you have a rich feast.

The kingdom of heaven is the kingdom of
Realization. "Seek first the kingdom of
Realization which is within you and every-
thing else shall be added."

There was a woman who stammered most
painfully. Shame because of this infirmity
kept her lips closed most of the time, and
she became sullen and almost vindictive.
Thoughts of suicide filled her mind, and her
relatives were so alarmed at her condition
that they watched her constantly. This
espionage was most distasteful, and things
grew worse and worse. One day her min-
ister called, and among other things said
to her:

"Mary, did you know that God had given
you dominion over all things, among them
your tongue and the muscles of your mouth
and throat—I mean that you are the sole
mistress of yourself, and that you can speak
the word as well as another?"

A flash of intelligence illumined the
weary face. Such a thought had never
occurred to her in any practical sense, just
as it has never dawned upon the majority
of our readers. How strange that it should
be the very last thing to enter our con-
sciousness—this: that we were not obliged
to run after dominion because it was a gift
conferred upon us.

This was what Mary answered:
"I never thought till this moment." And
there was no hesitation in her speech.

This was the "twinkling of an eye" real-
ization. Occasionally the stuttering habit
would assert itself, but Mary knew her
power and conquered.

Whatever the creed of this blessed min-
ister, he was a good mental scientist.

"Man never is but always to be blest," says
Pope. Not one in ten thousand has a glim-
mer of an idea that to man was given a
divine estate, was given absolute freedom,
real dominion; that he did not have to earn
his privileges, or buy by hard labor and
discipline his title to life here and here-
after.

There is only one question of any vital
consequence before the world to-day, and
that is the question of Realization. Fif-
teen minutes of real knowing would untie
all the knots in creation.

All this talk about evolution and develop-
ment is useless. There is nothing in it.
It is a waste of time and vital force con-
sidering what will minister to development
or how to get there.

There never was a truer statement made
than this of Burrell's: "You need not
browse after what you are."

Isn't it a grotesque thing to think of a
millionaire hunting for riches—not for
more wealth, but some wealth, believing he
had none?

Let us discard all the old cumbersome
paraphernalia that have so long and so
completely misled and borne us down. Let
us cease measuring this year with last year
in the matter of growth and development.

Let us stop hunting for the jewels that
we hold in our hands. Let us stop hunting
for our possessions, and step at once into
the Realization that we *are* there and not
"getting there."

Mild, gentle, loving, placid, dove-like,
quiet, calm, serene, peaceful, bland,
soft, tame, tractable, docile. These are the
leaves of the tree that are for "the healing
of the nations." Blessed words!

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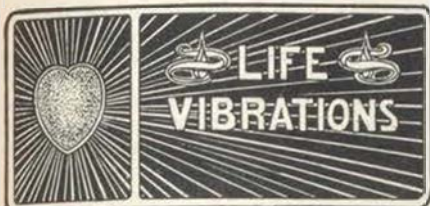
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MARCH!
New Life!
More Life!

"The earth hath felt the breath of spring,
Though yet on her deliverer's wing
The lingering frosts of winter cling."

Though named for the Roman god of
war, the "modest violet" is this blustering
month's flower.

Thou dost teach man Life, new life, cour-
age and fortitude.

"Lord of all rough winds that blow,
I am March, and ere I go
I will sing you loud and low."

Will sing us of coming spring and sum-
mer and call forth the winds of Life that
the buds, the blossoms, and the birds may
bless and inspire man.

O God of Nature, how great and blessed
are Thy plans and providence!

"March is piping spring's sweet praises,
Night by night the young moon fills;
Soon the golden-hearted daisies
Will be over all the hills."

Soon we will bask in the warm, bright
life-giving light of the Sun, so let us be
merry souls in blustering March.

MARCH IS JUST AS WE MAKE IT.

"March is merry, March is mad,
March is gay, and March is sad;
Every humor we may know
If we list the winds that blow."

What a blessed season it is to be sweet,
calm, silent and serene *within*, even though
it be tempestuous *without*!

God whispers His sweet, consoling words
in the most violent storms, if we will be
still and listen.

March, of all the months, is the month
to be still and listen.

Listen to God and stand on your feet!

Why creep and crawl all your day?

The blessed Silent One will hold our
hands in all storms.

Look! the clouds break, it is soft, balmy
spring, and "Hope rules a land forever
green."

And now in a little while we will sing a
glad song of great joy—

"The winds of March are humming
Their parting song, their parting song,
And summer skies are coming,
And days grow long, and days grow long."

Love

A LITTLE spark divine,
Caught from a passing soul,
Developing each day,
New beauty to unroll:
They say that it is love,
Enkindling the heart
With that most sacred fire
Which God alone can start.

'Tis He that makes it burn,
And warm the heart each day,
And by the light of love
Keep souls from going astray.
It elevates the soul
To higher views of life,
And teaches truths divine
Instead of care and strife.

—Martha Shepard Lippincott.

INSPIRING POEMS WORTH KNOWING

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with
affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of
your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles Eliot Norton.

A TRUE LENT

By Robert Herrick



Is this a fast,—to keep
The larder lean,
And clean
From fat of veals and sheep?

Is it to quit the dish
Of flesh, yet still
To fill
The platter high with fish?

Is it to fast an hour,
Or ragged to go,
Or show
A downcast look, and sour?

No! 'tis a fast to dole
Thy sheaf of wheat,
And meat,
Unto the hungry soul.

It is to fast from strife,
From old debate
And hate,—
To circumscribe thy life.

To show a heart grief-rent;
To starve thy sin,
Not bin,—
And that's to keep thy Lent.



Troubles can be easily endured and will
cease to exist when left to God.

The aim and object of this Magazine is to
awaken you to a knowledge of the Most
High and to show you that the Way is
from *within* your own self—your inner
temple.

Beware, O beware, how you judge your
fellow-men as doers of evil. Condemn
yourself or others and you sow awful seeds,
which you must reap.—Occult Truths.

Whenever one believes in poverty it is
because he believes in separateness—that
we are separate from God—apart from All
Providence.

Always remember thy hands are God's
hands; in realizing this truth is the fulness
of all things. In oneness, "Thou openest
thy hand and satisfiest the desire of every
living creature."

The depth of spiritual feeling, wisdom
and power which we have depends upon the
depth of our love for all.

Happy the man who ceases to believe and
aspires to know.—A. Z.

A proud man never shows his pride so
much as when he is civil.

Time past and time to be are one,
And both are NOW.
—Whittier.

'Twas only striking from the calendar
Dead yesterdays and unborn to-morrows.
—Omar Khayyam.

God loves all, but can manifest in a
higher degree in him who causes no dis-
turbance in others. "Know that he is my
beloved *Bhakta* (God-lover), from whom
comes no disturbance, who never becomes
the cause of disturbance to others, he who
has given up excessive joy, grief, and fear,
and anxiety. Such a one is my beloved.
He who does not depend on anything, pure,
sweet, active, giving up all; who does not
care whether good comes or evil, never
becomes miserable; he who is the same in
praise or in blame, with a silent, thoughtful
mind, blessed with what little comes in his
way."

Blessed is he who gives up all mortal
mind and will and thus permits divine
mind and will to have full possession of
his being

Extracts from Letters from Members of
the Universal Brotherhood of Mystic
Adepts

For the many who inquire as to the benefits to be derived from a membership in this grand order through the practice of its Degree teachings we gladly submit the following spontaneous testimonials:

Just one year ago I became a member of the Mystic Brotherhood, and my progress during that year has been something wonderful. I have developed both physically, mentally and morally. I have been placed under the charge of the greatest Mystic Adepts. All the occult powers which I possess have been brought to the front, and I am being carefully guided and directed in the study and practice of these mystic powers. The coming year will, I trust, be fully up to my expectations, thanks to these holy Mystics. I would advise the reading of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES by every one who wishes psychic development; it creates desires and longing for soul powers, and after that comes fulfillment. Yours in Holy Love, Dora Milligan, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

I will volunteer a word of testimonial regarding my findings. I am a member of the U. B. M. A., and very glad indeed to be numbered among them. I have been enjoying the best of health, happiness and true pleasure since my initiation into that Order. Its teachings are for self-development. By being able to do something for one's self we are then fitted to do for our neighbor. "Be careful in little things" will fit us for greater duties and possibilities. Yours in sympathy with Humanity, Emma H. Schultz, Whitehall, Wis.

Unveil the covers of impurity and uncleanness; destroy the six enemies of man—lustful love, anger, miserliness, irrationality, pride or vanity, and jealousy or hatred: the chief mental impurities—and the mental mirror will be all the brighter. In it the face of man looks more divine. While water and washing may cleanse the physical impurities, no amount of words can cleanse the mental impurities—but *work, good work alone, with a good desire.* That good desire in the true sense is the one based on *unselfish motive.*—B. P. Narasimmaiah.

It is a mistake to think that when man truly and fervently loves God, and works for the good of the Whole, he is making any sacrifice. To work for the Whole is joy, peace and bliss—leads to Eternal Bliss.

AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

What Postum Did There.

A well-known figure at the National Capital is that of an attorney-at-law and solicitor of patents, who has been practicing before the courts and the Department of the Interior at Washington for more than 25 years. The experience of this gentleman with coffee is unusually interesting for it proves that although the ill results from coffee are slow they are sure. He says: "I have consumed coffee at my meals for many years, but of late years have been annoyed by deranged stomach and sleeplessness, pains in my head, nervousness and confusion of the mind. About 18 months ago I quit coffee and commenced to use Postum Food Coffee and have experienced the most pleasing and beneficial results therefrom.

"It has aided my digestion, increased my appetite for healthy food, appeased my stomach, invigorated my brain, cleared and quieted nerves and mind, and enabled me to sleep soundly 8 hours out of the 24. It has imparted buoyancy and cheerfulness to my daily life and caused me to look on the bright side of things in general. It has fitted me to do more brain work than ever before, and I would consider it a calamity to be deprived of its use.

"I look on Postum as an absolute cure for the ills that coffee causes. It not only cures the ravages of coffee but stimulates to vigor and healthy action the brain and all the organs of the human body. It has with me and with many of my friends and this is my authority for the statement." Name furnished by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

The Universal Brotherhood of Ancient Mystic Adepts

By Brother No. 1

REAL BROTHERHOOD

Here is an illustration of Brotherhood that touches the heart. Read this extract from the story of the rescue of shipwrecked sailors:

"The life savers couldn't launch their boat, and every time we struck the beach the undertow threw us back, and it seemed all over with us. Frozen and almost drowned, I gave a call I learned somewhere, and it was answered from shore. Then do you know what those brave life savers did? They formed a human chain into that boiling surf, under water half the time themselves, and when that fellow at the post of greatest danger—the extreme end—reached out his hand for me and gave me that good old Masonic grip, I choked with just a little bit more than sea water."

What a thrill must have gone through the Brother on the shore when he heard that call from the drowning man! Into his answer went the splendid assurance of help at any cost.

Courage! Not the word, but the thing itself, the renewed strength, the assurance of success, the determination to succeed, the faith in expedients, all these went forth in the brave answer. Like leaping flame this courage went from one to the other of those heroes on the shore till wholly forgetful of self, knowing only the Brother's need, they entered the raging surf and dared all in order to do all. Under such circumstances, what does Brotherhood mean? It means that, even in the face of death and all possible dangers, the tie is strengthened rather than severed; it means that kind of service of which the Master said: "Greater love hath no man than this, to lay down his life for his friend."

The pass-words, the secret signs, all these seemingly trivial things, which, at the time they are taken, may seem useless and meaningless, called forth under such circumstances as these, even one sign or one pass-word, out of all the fraternal bonds becomes more than all else in the world. It becomes even more than the Bible or the church. It means the presence of God himself, for in such moments everything that is of the earth fades away. All that is petty and ignoble and selfish is wiped out and the Divine stands forth to meet the Divine.

"When he reached out his hand for me," says the drowning sailor, "and gave me that good old Masonic grip, I choked with just a little bit more than sea water." Yes, that grip meant God's hand gripping his, snatching him from the jaws of death, bringing him back to life and love again. In the face of such experiences, shall we call this talk about Brotherhood mere sentiment? Shall we speak of the secret signs and symbols as childish, useless, meaningless? God forbid.

Several months ago I received a letter from a lady in London, asking me to give her an introduction to some of the Brothers in London, that she might appeal to them for protection from a dangerous persecution to which she was subjected from a partially insane person. I had but to write, giving the signs, and in due time received notice from officials in London that the lady had been seen and cared for and was in good hands.

While at the present time the ties of Brotherhood seem stronger by having this secret acquaintance and mutual understanding of the signs of fellowship, we are working for the time when all men shall be as Brothers, even though they have no secret sessions or no sign language, for we believe the time is coming when Brotherly love shall fill the whole earth as the waters cover the sea, and when men shall give true service to any creature in need, whether appealed to or not.

As to the secret part of the Brotherhood, are not all sacred things secret to those who are not able to read? "Every leaf and grass blade is a letter dropped from God," says Walt Whitman in one of his beautiful poems. Is it a secret letter? No, it is for all who may read or understand. It is secret to those who are not able to understand, and to those who do understand it is sacred, and cannot be revealed to others except as it is understood in the same way.

In the present stage of human development our most precious ideas and emotions are wrapped in swaddling clothes. We cherish them so tenderly because they mean so much to us. We could not reveal them to the unthinking, to the unsympathetic, for not only would they trample them under foot, but would rend us, even for telling. This was why Jesus said: "Cast not your pearls before swine." We cannot think that He meant to cast any reflection upon those who cannot understand, but that not understanding, they would treat precious things in a swinish way.

What we want more than all else is to live our Brotherhood so that its intrinsic merit will be stamped upon our actions, and those who might scorn the idea of a secret society would yet be appreciative of Brotherly love. It is this, therefore, that shall be to us as an altar flame, burning within the sanctuary of our hearts, destroying all that is unworthy, purifying what can be purified, and breathing forth the sweet incense of its true nature to all lives.

"Fraternity! Love's other name!

Dear, heaven-connecting link of being;

Then shall we grasp thy golden dream,

As souls full-statured, grow far-seeing;

Thou shalt unfold our better part,

And in our life cup yield more honey;

Light up with joy the poor man's heart,

And love's own world with smiles more sunny.

'Tis coming! yes, 'tis coming!"

BROTHER 1 Δ.

THOUGHT TO BE HELD DAILY BY THE SILENT BROTHERHOOD

Held Daily at 12 M.

"God is above all storms"

Held Daily at 9 P.M.

"Open Thou mine eyes to behold wondrous things out
of Thy law"

It is in the heat of the day, while we are in the conflicts and turmoils of daily life, that we need to know that there is One at the helm whom we can trust.

In the noon time, then, "God is above all storms" will be the key to quieting all fear. When the earth storms beset us and the rain falls, we go quietly on with our work, knowing that back of all shines the sun. Why should we not think this also of God who is the sun of our life, who is back of all this world of cause and effect? Why should we falter, fearing that our strength will give out; that dire misfortunes will come to us, when we know that above all reigneth the Omnipotent? We find ourselves often saying: "Everything will go to destruction if I do not succeed with this business into which I have put every dollar I own," or: "I shall surely be turned out into the world if I cannot get this position that I have applied for."

Stop to analyze it and you will find that nearly all the ills of life are due to this overweening fear, this dependence upon physical conditions which we make or wish to avoid. At the noon hour, then, hold steadfastly to this text given for the month: "God is above all storms."

Apply it in every possible way. God is above all storms of sickness, fear, poverty, all storms of emotion, all storms of human conditions. When we can realize this, we shall be able to go on calmly with whatever we may be doing, bringing it thus to a successful issue. This mid-day statement causes us to be firm, staunch, steady; gives us new courage and dauntless determination to persevere.

The last one, to be held in the evening hour, is a prayer, a petition that all avenues of being be opened, that the Holy Spirit may reveal the law of rightness and truth. It is always well to open the mind for revelation before going to sleep. It prepares the way for the feeding of the soul, and makes possible the conscious reception of wise and gracious truths. To go to sleep in this way brings not only refreshment, but teaching in the night, though we may not know directly, that is, the next morning, or even for many mornings, yet in due time, when we most need it, the truth thus received in the night hours flashes forth upon us to interpret many perplexing things, and be as a light unto our path. This second text should do a great deal for us all, not only in strengthening and reinforcing our powers of activity, but teaching us the beauty of calmness and the blessing of waiting upon the Lord for instruction, counsel or whatsoever we may need.

"God is Light. Keep thine eye fixed, O child of earth, upon the Light, and neither the darkness nor the billows shall affright thee, for into thy being thou shalt draw such a power of immortality as shall redeem the world."

MYSTIC No. 7.

"Be Still"

ON account of a false education, it is very hard to be quiet—actually still. And yet we grow only in passive moments. Sow the seed on top of the ground, where it is exposed to the wind, the sun, and the noise, and there are no results. Plant it deep, out of the way of every apparent vibration, and we are rewarded by "fruit in due season."

It is the worry and hurry of work that brings pain and sorrow. It is not the work itself. When we learn how to preserve calmness at the centre of our being, all the hardness and drudgery will be eliminated from our tasks. Better still, they will not be tasks. This poise can be attained only by a realization of the truth of God's almightiness in us, as well as in the outside universe. So let us "Be still, and know that I am God."—Eleanor Kirk's Idea.

When God formed the rose, He said, "Thou shalt flourish and spread thy perfume." When He commanded the sun to emerge from chaos, he added, "Thou shalt enlighten and warm the world." When He gave life to the lark, He enjoined upon it to soar and sing in the air. Finally, He created man, and told him to love. And seeing the sun shine, perceiving the rose scattering its odors, hearing the lark warble in the air, how could man help loving?—Alexander Grun.

God is a speaking God in all times and in all ages—the blessed angels bear His messages to men as they are ready for them.

Yoga Aphorisms and Teachings

If a man get the ideal of non-injuring others, before him even animals, which are by their nature ferocious, will become peaceful. The tiger and the lamb will play together before that Yogi and will not hurt each other. When you have come to that state, then alone you will understand that you have become firmly established in non-injuring. Non-killing being established, in his presence all enmities in others cease.

By the establishment of truthfulness the Yogi gets the power of attaining for himself and others the fruits of work without the works. When this power of truth will be established with you, then even in dreams you will never tell an untruth, in thought, word or deed; whatever you say will be truth. You may say to a man "Be blessed," and that man will be blessed. If a man is diseased, and you say to him, "Be thou cured," he will be cured immediately.

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ABOUT THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB

Read and Think It Over

A beloved brother writes as follows from Trenton, N. J.:

"To The Mystic Success Club.—I would like to become a member of your Club. I am a subscriber of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES. I have already tried to get subscribers for the Magazine, but I don't make any success of it. Is there any other way I could become a member of your Club? I could not afford to take three more years at the present time, but I do intend to subscribe for THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES all my life. I would like to become a member of your Club immediately. If I could I will give you my word as man to man. I will do what I can for your Magazine in any way I can. I have been lending my Magazine to my friends and trying to get subscribers, but I don't have success. I never have success in anything I try. I always make a failure of everything I try. So if you can help me in any way you know what you will do for a discouraged and down-hearted man. Can you do for me what I cannot do for myself, and give me success? If you can you will always have a good word from a discouraged man."

Any one, of the smallest discerning power, can see why our brother is not successful. In the first place he lacks two grand qualities that make for success, viz.: perseverance and patience—he gives up too easily in his attempt to secure three subscribers and is impatient and desires to join our great Club "immediately." The world is filled with men of this class who label themselves "failures." Come, beloved brother, rouse the ever-dwelling God within thee, and stop this whining and never label thyself a "failure." There is a great occult power that weakens those who borrow or lend anything, and we would suggest to you to stop lending your Magazine. Tell your friends about it, and in a cheery, optimistic way tell them you would be pleased to have them subscribe. Surely a man who cannot secure three subscribers for a Magazine like THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES in a week or two weeks, or say a month, in a city like Trenton, N. J., cannot possess much perseverance or energy. In no way can we admit any one as a member to The Mystic Success Club, and permit them to receive its great benefits, who is not willing to secure three subscribers to the Magazine. Wake up, brother! Stop such puerile thinking as calling yourself "a discouraged and down-hearted man."

Here comes Brother E. M. Pickett, of 2759 West Lake Street, Chicago, with three subscribers and a short, merry note. From a psychometric reading of his letter we can see he is already on the road to success, and the four degrees will open his soul, mind, heart and will to things that will bless him in countless ways. We have received a large number of short, merry notes of love and good will, with three new subscribers, similar to Brother Pickett's.

Mr. R. I. G. says: "I am desirous of becoming a member of The Mystic Success Club, and will qualify by inclosed \$3.00, for list of inclosed three subscribers. I am a regular subscriber and enjoy reading your Magazine very much. I want to get into the vibrations of the Mystics. I am in perfect health, thank God, but I lack Receptivity and Personal Magnetism, and am far away from being successful in anything I undertake. I believe in Spiritualism, and live in the fear of God. I want New Life, New Hope, New Courage and grand success, and I will obey the instructions of the Mystics to the letter to attain same."

Well and good, dear brother. One reason why you lack personal magnetism is because you are a God-fearing man. Love God and all beings with all your soul, heart and mind and follow our special instructions with respect to Personal Magnetism in the Second and Third Degrees and you will fear nothing!

Prof. Kurt Mueller, director of the great Klindworth Conservatory of Music, Atlanta, Ga., sends us a beautiful letter full of love and success vibrations, with three new subscribers. Among other kind expressions and good will for The Mystic Success Club, he says: "I have been a subscriber for the beautiful Magazine for some time." We can assure our dear brother, who is in the great art of music, that the four degrees will help him far beyond all his expectations.

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THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB, with all its loyal members, in a while will be an organization that will be recognized all over the world as all-powerful to rouse, inspire and enthuse any discouraged person who may join it.

More than that, it will give new life, new hope, new courage and new impetus to those of its members who are only moderately successful, and lead them on to a higher degree of success and a fuller realization of the blessed beauty of Life.

Come, blessed soul, we are speaking to you, determine to achieve success, and know that half the battle is won when you once make up your mind that you will achieve success.

As we said in this department, last month, for a long time the owner, publishers, editors, writers and great Mystic Adepts of this phenomenally successful Magazine have been formulating and perfecting plans to organize THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB for the benefit of all who aspire to be successful.

In a Psychic-Occult way we positively knew that the Club would be a grand success and gain a great membership throughout the world, and do a grand and lasting work in helping sorrowful and discouraged persons to HEALTH, WEALTH, A LONG, USEFUL AND SUCCESSFUL CAREER.

Members are coming into our great Club and getting into our vibrations of success at an amazing rate.

Good!

The more members the greater the power and strength will we have to take you through the four mystic degrees.

First Degree—We lead you to health, strength, vigor, force and power, and let you into some of the ancient occult and psychic secrets.

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The Fourth Degree—Leads you to a realization of all your powers and you are put on the road to grand success.

Remember THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB is founded by a great and powerful band of successful men and women, including great adepts; that these men and women are now pre-eminently successful in their particular lines of work.

Above all, remember you, beloved reader, can become a life member without any fees or dues, by helping this great and optimistic Magazine, that will always teach a doctrine of Love, Hope, Courage and Charity.

THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB operates in a practical and positive way with a true co-operative principle, unlimited in power and scope.

There is no other similar club in the whole world, whose founders have reached the highest degree of success, and who propose to work indefatigably, persistently and eternally to rouse and awaken the souls of others to the importance of making life now and here a glad song, and not a miserable dirge.

And remember, our plan and rules are simple, easy and comprehensive; that it involves holding a certain Psychic-Mental attitude towards all things and all beings in the Universe.

Grand and beautiful is Life here and now to those who will know that it is simple and not complex, and live by a few simple rules.

CHARLES WAGNER SAID: "The programme of life is terribly simple, after all."

And we Mystic Adepts will teach you simple truths that will rouse you as never before.

More than that, in a Psychic-Mental way, which is explained in the four degrees, you permanently come into our vibrations, and hourly, daily, monthly, yearly and eternally live *en rapport* with some of the greatest and most successful men and women on this planet.

MAN SUFFERS FAILURE BECAUSE HE WILL NOT KNOW OR OBEY THE ONE SIMPLE ETERNAL LAW OF SUCCESS.

Come, beloved, let us reach you and teach you, and fire and inspire you, and fill and thrill you with vibrations you never before knew about.

No matter where you live, how old, weak or feeble your mind or body is, we can help you.

Let us repeat what we said last month as to how to become a life member of THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB:

Distinctly understand, THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB is in no way a money-making organization. We have set aside a large sum of money to make it a grand success, and in turn for what we do for you in helping to make you successful and happy, we will expect you to help us to *partly* pay the expenses of supporting the club—(printing, postage, clerks, etc.).

To that end each member becomes a yearly subscriber to THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES at one dollar, and gets three (3) friends to subscribe for the Magazine at one dollar a year, sending us the three subscribers, with three dollars. Upon receipt of the three subscribers, with three dollars, you are entered on our membership books as a *full life member*, with no further dues or payments of any kind whatsoever. We then mail you the First Degree (Health Degree), which, if you will work out, giving to it about one hour each day, will put you on the road to perfect and permanent health. At the end of thirty days we mail you the Second Degree (for Receptivity); in thirty days more the Third Degree (Attractiveness; or, Personal Magnetism), and in thirty days more the Fourth or final Degree, which prepares you for full Realization. It takes four months to work through the four degrees, and you are then in a far more healthy, receptive and attractive condition than you ever thought of being here on the earth-plane of existence. Some will develop the most perfect clairvoyant and clairaudient powers, which are always helpful to success; all will be more successful than they ever thought possible. Now, at the end of four months is the *real* beginning of *real* and *permanent* success.

At the end of four months all of your Psychic-Mental powers will have been developed to a most wonderful degree, and new doors will open to you for success, and Life will be beautiful.

Read this department each month, which will print about success, the growth of THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB, special success and achievements of individual members, etc.

In conclusion, remember you become a life-member of THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB, and will receive our daily vibrations that we send out in the Silence, upon becoming a subscriber for one year, at one dollar, to THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, and securing three more subscriptions from three friends, at one dollar each. If you are already a subscriber, then send three subscribers, with three dollars; if not, then send three subscribers and your own subscription, with four dollars. We will immediately enter your name as a Life Member on our books and send you one degree each month. There are no further dues, assessments or payments to be made.

Come, beloved—we speak to you in love, sincerity and earnestness—join hands with us for life, and help us spread the glad song of hope, health, courage, optimism and success to the whole world.

This is the golden opportunity of your life. If you doubt it, go into the Silence and ask the God within the soul about it.

Read this over thoughtfully and ask yourself about it.

THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB is organized and founded by men and women who have realized tremendous success, and it will be in a prosperous and forceful condition as long as there is one discouraged soul on this planet.

A great Mystic Adept, who has realized all that is successful, will have encouraging and hopeful words printed here in this department each month.

Read, each month, about THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB.

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To L. W. R., Boston, and many others who send in clubs of three subscribers and seem to think that there is much that is complex, intricate and involved in the four degrees of The Mystic Success Club, let us assure you that these degrees are very simple and all-comprehensive. You will understand all that on receipt of the First Degree.

It does not cost you anything to become a life member of The Mystic Success Club; there are no dues nor fees. All the degrees and any literature we mail you are absolutely free. All we ask is for you to help THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES by becoming a subscriber yourself and securing three more subscribers.

A blessed soul in Portland, Maine, sends us three subscribers, and among other things she says: "I am an almost or quite a hopeless victim of Mars, Saturn, etc." Nonsense, dear child of God! Knowest that thou wilt overcome all thy troubles by holding thyself calmly and listening to the Voice in the Deep Silence. Worry not! We will help thee. Pay careful attention to the First Degree which will heal thy mind and give thee psychic-mental power to overcome the little hill that thou hast magnified into a great mountain. Be patient. Remember you are now a member of The Mystic Success Club.

H. J. P., New Orleans, La., in sending in three subscribers and joining The Mystic Success Club, fills his letter with love vibrations and good will. It is very important that all members of the club will be filled with these hopeful and inspiring thoughts of love and good will to all beings, as with our large and growing membership we will, as explained in the First Degree, not only be a power to help ourselves to tremendous success, but also a great force to help others.

Mistakes and Blunders

HE who rushes through earth-life with impetuous haste makes many blunders—blunders which in a while will cause him to stop and reflect. So, blunders are good, as calling a needed halt now and then for meditation.

Edward Carpenter says: "On all sides God surrounds you, staring out upon you from the mountains and from the face of the rocks, and of man and of animals. Will you rush past forever insensate and blindfold—hurrying breathless from one unfinished task to another, and to catch your ever-departing trains—as if you were a very Cain flying from His face?"

The serene, calm and deliberate soul who lives in the spirit makes his life beautiful to himself and others by not getting into a fever of haste—such a soul has few, if any, mistakes and blunders to correct.

"We can do much more by waiting, and calmly and deliberately taking hold of conditions and mastering them as they come along."

To rush and push in haste is to cause much waste of our psychic-mental powers and produce in us a *negative* state; the more calm, serene and deliberate we are the more *positive* we are, and the less we blunder.

It is easier and better to let God master our fate than attempt it ourselves by the mortal mind and will.—A. Z.

We Stand or Fall Alone

"For every man shall bear his own burden."

We stand or fall alone, dear Heart;
So pray thee hush thy moan.
What help that scalding tear-drops start?
Friendship and Love they both depart—
We stand or fall alone.

We stand or fall alone, dear God!
The day we face Thy throne.
Dare any beg Thee spare the rod?
Answering for the path we've trod?—
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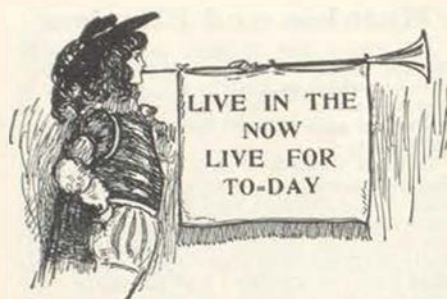
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COME, blessed souls, let us go up higher.

"WITH EVERY ASPIRATION THE SOUL IS ON ITS KNEES."—Dean Stanley.

True religion is all-embracing and sees some truth and some light in each and all religions.

Be patient, sweet soul. Infinite Wisdom will yet free thee from all bondage and limitations.

Completeness and Wholeness in man comes when he merges soul, heart and mind in the Blessed One.

"The best receipt for health, say what you will, Is never to suppose you can be ill."

The ears of Thy mercy, O Merciful Father, are always open to the prayers of Thy children. Glory be to Thee!

By exercising the kind and gentle elements that are inherent in our natures we give the soul power to rouse these same elements in others.

O Almighty and Eternal God! direct our minds and wills that we may live and act in proper and sane relations with the grand eternal Whole.

Come, sweet soul, cease to fear and doubt and hold erroneous beliefs that becloud and mock God's perfection, His gentle love and tender mercy.

Our perfection consists not so much in what we do, or where we do, but *how* we do—whether we think, and act, and live in truth and justice.

We truly serve ourselves in a beneficent way when we lovingly, cheerfully and willingly serve for the good of All—doing the work that is nearest at hand.

The eternal Spirit of the universe will not be dormant or inactive. A spiritualized man is always intelligently active—sanely active—he is a great and tremendous worker.

By living in Spirit we come to know and use the tremendous uplifting power of Spirit; we then fully recognize and realize the silent, unseen and potent forces of the *Eternal Law*.

It is in the Silence we partake of omnipotence. "Silent agencies are always the most potent." The Divine Mind is always silent—"The working of God's thought is always silent."

The smallest and simplest thing done well leads us to a higher sphere of usefulness. Epictetus said: "Practice yourself, for Heaven's sake, in little things; and thence proceed to greater."

Unseen and untiring forces, and unseen intelligences of the highest order, help all who try to help themselves and put their hope and trust in the great God—the loving Father of all. The great power of the God-lover can never be comprehended by those who will not see, hear or listen.

It is a blessed thing that there are so many religions and so many shades of belief at this stage of our Evolution. These are all manifestations of the Blessed One and are leading man Godward. In a while all these various religious beliefs will merge into the One Eternal Universal Religion—the universal Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Man.—*The Blissful Prophet*.

How ungrateful some of us are! How dare any one be a whining pessimist in these glorious days! "Let not thy mind run on that thou lackest as much as on what thou hast already." Remember—"There is nothing, either good or bad, but thinking makes it so."

Pessimism is an abnormal state of mind that never fails, if continued, to sink one down into a low physical, mental and moral condition; it poisons all it touches; it is destructive. Optimism is a normal state of mind and is of the soul; it is constructive; it enlarges the mental vision, and attracts all the forces of the universe that make for health, strength, prosperity and progress.

No matter how much of the brute and animal that may remain in a man, remember you help him if you hold in your mind silently that he is an eternal child of the All-Father—a *man*. The most brutal being is reached, touched and melted to a more or less degree by such thoughts. Project love on all beings, in the Silence, if you would really help the world. The Christ within is uniformly kind, loving and gentle to all; it is the carnal-mind that makes distinctions in men—our brothers.

It is divine to be brotherly and neighborly, friendly, amiable and generous. We are all of us eternal children of one eternal Father of infinite love. Hold the thought of Fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man if you would know sweet peace, and then you will not be a tyrant. Listen to the words of Epictetus: "O slavish man! will you not bear with your own brother, who has God for his father, as being a son from the same stock, and of the same high descent? But if you chance to be placed in some superior station, will you presently set yourself up for a tyrant?"

God's Kin

THERE is no summit you may not attain, No purpose which you may not yet achieve.

If you will wait serenely, and believe Each seeming loss is but a step to'd gain.

Between the mountain-tops lie vale and plain;

Let nothing make you question, doubt or grieve;

Give only good, and good alone receive; As you welcome joy, so welcome pain.

That which you most desire awaits your word;

Throw wide the door and bid it enter in.

Speak, and the strong vibrations shall be stirred;

Speak, and above earth's loud, unmeaning din

Your silent declarations shall be heard.

All things are possible to God's own kin.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

"The power to love—God's greatest gift! Forget it not, dear heart. 'Twill lift The weight of burdens heaviest; When thou rememb'rest that the best He gives is thine—thou still canst love!"

THE SUPER-CONSCIOUS STATE.—The blessed state, or super-conscious state, is the highest state of consciousness that man can reach. It is beyond the conscious state—is a "much higher state than can be reached by reasoning in a conscious state." It is a blessed state beyond all reason—it is the state when we are united with omniscience. In it man is fully awake to all truth. "If a man goes into Samadhi (super-conscious state) a fool, he comes out a sage."

It is attained by fervent and persistent love for All, by meditation, prayer, going into the Silence and *Listening*, and by *work*—doing that work which is nearest at hand with delight and love. The super-conscious state is the blessed illumination that comes from *living the life*—the Christ-life. It comes at the birth of the Christ within.

All beings ultimately will reach this blessed state of eternal joy and bliss—sometime, somewhere.—*The Blissful Prophet*.

Count it good when ye fall into adversity and divers perplexities, and endure them with patience—like a great soul that thou art.

He Was the Prophesied Messiah

RABBI KRAUSKOPF, who presides over the second largest Jewish congregation in the country, at Philadelphia, recently read a paper which very clearly revealed the superficiality of the basis on which the Jews reject Jesus as the Christ. The argument was entirely devoted to a refutation of the theory whereby Christologists have derived evidences of Jesus' Messiahship from the Old Testament Scriptures. These prophecies were said to refer solely to local circumstances and local characters, to have no connection with Jesus except by a distortion of texts.

But suppose it to be true that the prophecies of the two Isaiahs and the other prophets are without genuine Messianic references, even suppose the Old Testament to be non-existent, what of it? Jesus stands for what He was and what He did; no book can either make or unmake Him. It is a matter of minor importance whether or not His coming was prophesied. Many who deem the prophecies far-fetched, still believe Jesus to be the Christ.—*Horatio W. Dresser*.

So, blessed, eternal souls, be strong in whatever state or place you find yourself. Fret and faint not. This is the Divine Way. God and Heaven and the Angels have charge of you. Trust more in the unseen powers to lead, guide and direct you and show your faith by not fainting.

All that a writer or teacher can do is to carry to the soul, the heart and mind just so much soul, heart and mind as he has. Almost countless times I've been at the fainting point, but my bright angel of hope always saved me. Praise God! If one word in these chats stirs one weary soul to come up into the light of hope, my heart will be glad, and in concluding I urge you try and hold the thought that you are all Eternal Souls journeying onward, forward and upward to the mighty and blessed God, the loving Father of all. Whether in joy or sorrow, morn or turmoil, we must set our faces Godward and Heavenward and not faint. "The turmoil of the world will always die if we set our faces to climb Heavenward," and "The habit of looking at the bright side of things is worth more than a thousand a year." What a grand and sublime truth it is, that in a day or so God's Eternal Law of Compensation heals all our wounds. Bless His Name forever!

A pleasant and cheerful countenance tones and sweetens all mortals that gaze upon it. A holy man says: "A sad countenance and a weary voice often awaken sympathy, but I doubt if anything is more potent in the human character than cheerfulness. It is like sunshine and sea air and running water and the songs of birds. It has a charm for the fagged world which entitles it to a place with the beatitudes."

In the blessed new age of Love there will be no need for the "thou shalt not's" of the past. Filled with Divine Love, Light and Life, it will fill and thrill us with joy to be true and just and loyal to God and man without even the mere suggestion of doing so. Man, in his highest degree of evolution, is at-one with God, and needs no commandments from God or man. Then he is sane and normal and divine and thinks not of good or bad; he no longer is carnal-minded; he is beyond all that binds or fetters the soul; he is no longer a slave to sin or virtue; he is an eternally freed soul.

Human power, in every department of life, is the working out of the divine will to one grand end—perfection. When we think we do the least we often do the most and our best. Who can say that any display of energy and its effect is not good? With the spiritual eye the great seer sees ultimate good in all action—so-called good or bad action. Good and wise men are never zealous reformers or fanatics. As God is the all in all, we can trust Him to bring order out of what appears to us disorder.

"If all the year were playing holidays, To sport would be as tedious as to work." —*King Henry IV.*

Growth and Spiritual Illumination are the natural fruits or sure effects of *living* in the Living Breath of the Spirit.

Napoleonic Death Trance

John Armstrong Chanler's Marvelous X-Faculty

[The following interesting article in the New York Herald of November 8th, from Charlottesville, Va., details one of the strange phases of John Armstrong Chanler's experiences as a PSYCHIC. In it we have a remarkable contribution to recent journalism of the power of the subjective mind over the grosser elements of the body. During his trance condition, Mr. Chanler was perfectly conscious of the remarks made by those present, who beheld with awe the singular change of his features, transformed to that of the "death mask" of the Great Napoleon. The likeness was not alone striking, but (outside mind phenomena) marvelous and inexplicable. —EDITOR.]

JOHN ARMSTRONG CHANLER'S first description of the action of what he calls his "X-faculty," writes the Herald correspondent, and his first entrance into a trance, in February, 1897, is contained in a letter and an opinion from Dr. H. C. Wood, of the University of Pennsylvania, which was part of the evidence in the case, which was concluded yesterday by the decision of the Albemarle County Court that Mr. Chanler was sane.

The opinion was dictated by Dr. Wood in the presence of "Mr. Childe," which was the name assumed by Mr. Chanler in Philadelphia after his escape from Bloomingdale. In this opinion Mr. Chanler makes the following statement as to the way in which he first passed into the condition which he terms a "Napoleonic" trance:

"In communicating with my X-faculty by means of vocal automatism, which is also one of my trancelike states, I was informed by my X-faculty that it would like me to go into a 'Napoleonic trance.' It gave me to understand that I would represent the death of Napoleon Bonaparte. This was in February, 1897, upon, or shortly after, my arrival at the Hotel K., in New York City.

"My X-faculty did not tell me what to do in order to produce the so-called trance. It merely informed me that when the time came it would instruct me what to do to produce the trance.

"A distinguished sculptor, Mr. S. G., calling at the Hotel K. shortly after my arrival, while I was in bed in the evening, my X-faculty gave me to understand, without Mr. S. G. knowing it, that it would be the proper time for me to enter into the Napoleonic trance.

"I asked Mr. S. G. if he would like to see me enter a trance. I was interested myself, from a scientific point of view, to know just what I would do in a trance, never having entered one before. I was also interested to know whether the prognostication of the X-faculty regarding my face and features strongly resembling those of Napoleon Bonaparte in death was accurate or false.

BEGINNING OF THE EXPERIMENT

"Mr. S. G. expressed keen interest to see me in a trance.

"I then took, under the direction of my X-faculty, a small hand-mirror which I used for shaving, in both my hands, and, holding it rigidly extended above my head, stared at my eyes for several moments without result.

"I did not know but what the experiment was about to prove abortive and ridiculous. It was one of the most daring experiments I ever entered, for that reason.

"After a minute or two of complete passivity and rigidity, for the first time in my life I experienced the entrance to a trance. It is excessively interesting as an experience.

"The first symptoms were slow, deep

breaths, utterly involuntary on my part, gradually increasing in force and frequency until they resembled what I imagine are death gasps, by which I mean a man dying and gasping for breath." In reply to a question from Dr. Wood as to whether he had ever seen a man die gasping, Mr. C. said he had not. Memoranda from Dr. Wood that the description is not accurate.

"These gasps continued to increase in frequency and my mouth to distend and remain open to its fullest extent.

"This continued for several minutes, I should judge ten, though I have no means of judging; I simply guess. At the end of the supposed ten minutes my hands slowly placed the mirror on the bed, my eyes closed and the Napoleonic death trance, so called by my X-faculty, had begun.

"Of course, I cannot judge, having my eyes shut, of the resemblance of my features and face to those of Napoleon Bonaparte in death. All I know is from the remarks of the persons who have witnessed this Napoleonic death trance.

"Mr. S. G. asked me to desist, and said it was very affecting; that he was unaccustomed to seeing one in a trance, and asked me not to enter into it again in his presence."

Question by Dr. Wood—Were you conscious during this time? Answer—Entirely conscious during all this time.

"I mentioned the occurrence a few days later to Mr. S. W. and Dr. E. F., when they were both visiting me; they expressed a desire to see me in the trance. I entered it under the same conditions as before, Mr. S. G. Mr. W. was so affected by the trance that he acted as though he were literally in the presence of death, whispering in a reverential tone to Dr. E. F., 'It is exactly like Napoleon's death mask. I have the photograph of it at home.'

"I afterward asked Mr. W. whether he had made that remark to Dr. E. F., and he admitted it frankly."

Question by Dr. Wood—How do you come out of these trances? Answer—By effort of conscious will.

DISCARDS SPIRITUALISTIC THEORY

In the written opinion submitted the following questions are by Dr. Wood, and answered by "Mr. C.":

W.—Do you believe that the results of the action of the X-faculty are due to the presence of any kind of spirit or to spiritual influence in you?

C.—No.

W.—Do you believe there was anything supernatural in this?

C.—No.

W.—Do you believe that the judgments delivered are infallible?

C.—No.

W.—Do you believe that you have in these conditions the power of prophecy beyond rational forethought?

C.—No.

In conclusion Mr. Chanler said: "I am anti-spiritualistic. I do not believe in spiritualism. As a Christian—I am a communicant of the Episcopal Church—I believe in the existence of spirits, but in another world, and I disbelieve absolutely that there is any communication whatsoever, direct or indirect, between living human beings and disembodied spirits in this world."

Scientifically Wearing Out

WHEN Leo, then Cardinal Pecci, was elected Pope, twenty-four years ago February 20 next, he was so frail, so old for his sixty-eight years, that the Cardinals sitting with him in the Conclave did not believe he would survive the year. It is natural that his visitors of to-day, nearly a quarter of a century later, should, if they retain sufficient composure to look at him closely, bring away a conviction that he is about to die.

Leo is a man of small body that is absolutely free from superfluity, that is properly sustained with just the right amount of just the right kind of food and that is carefully kept in the most favorable environment. The only change is an imperceptibly slow, scientifically retarded wearing-out process. A Roman correspondent poetically but truthfully stated the situation in a recent letter:

"Leo XIII has no body; he cannot be sick. Some night while at work he will go out without warning, like a sacred lamp whose fuel is consumed."

The Soul

WHAT tho' the casket of the deathless mind
Be not in costliest drapery enshrined;
What tho' the form be clad in plainest dress,
Would ye esteem the soul within it less?

Ye vainly judge who only judge by sight,
A heart impure or stainless, wrong or right;
Cease then by looks alone the soul to scan,
But try the spirit by a nobler plan.

THERE is so much sunshine everywhere around, the soul need not be all darkness. It is not permitted me to go forth amid all this loveliness as I would gladly do, but every year I learn to love it better, and thus to love the Giver with more earnest faith, believing "He doeth all things well." To you who are laboring to refine and elevate the minds of others by implanting a love for the beautiful, humanity's thanks are due. —William Howitt.

Sayings of Henry Wood

TRUE education consists in training the thought to train itself.

If one thinks that things are against him they soon range themselves in that fashion.

GOD reigns in and through law and is never self-contradictory.

In the end moral ideals are more compelling than arms and coercion.

THE present misfit of existing creeds to real conditions should be corrected. The Church cannot afford to dissemble.

THE scattered fragments of Truth are being gathered up and fitted, each in its place, "without sound of hammer," into one great temple.

THE grand cycle of life starts with an involution of primal energy from God, and returns to the "Father's House" after the educational unfoldment of divinity in the self-consciousness.

It is safe to avoid all kinds of extremes. Dogmatism, whether ancient or modern, past or present, is unprofitable. It may appear in the form of negative positiveness as well as in that of positive positiveness. The uncolored truth, without fear or favor, is the most valuable of all possessions.

Heredity

WHILE there are many writers on the subject of Heredity, it cannot yet be said to have been reduced to a science. While certain causes produce certain effects, sometimes they do not all the time. However, there is much to learn from these remarks by Frank S. Weston, in the Phrenological Journal:

"According to this law any peculiarity, instead of passing direct from parent to child, may slip one or more generations and reappear lower down in the line of descent. This law can only be explained by assuming that the qualities which were patent in the grandfather and grandchild were latent in the intervening generation. There is nothing remarkable in this, as numerous instances are on record to prove that physical and intellectual peculiarities may remain dormant for a long time in an individual and then suddenly develop into prominence under some unwonted pressure.

"Our characters, in addition to those traits of character which attract general attention, have secret traits, ready to spring into prominence on unusual conditions. This study of the latent powers has of late attracted much notice, and observation has shown that there may lie dormant in a man tendencies and forces which he may not suspect, but which in his children develop into marked traits.

"We sometimes see striking likeness between relations, out of the direct line of descent. A nephew will have the characteristics of an uncle, or an aunt, or niece. This form of heredity was denied for a time, but the researches of Budach and Lucas have placed it beyond a doubt.

"The nephew resembles the uncle, the cousin the cousin, because each of them have what belonged to a common ancestor, who transmitted it to the intermediate generations, in whom it has been latent."

If fortune glooms, if seas run mountain high,
The timbers gape, the land be far away,
And the wild rack reveal no welcome ray—
Be stout of heart! To falter is to die.

If bloodhound slander opens on thy name;
If all the world desert thee; still alone
Go forth to face the wolf. No want, nor shame,
Nor treason daunt thee! Fall without a groan;

Martyrs have sung hosanna in the flame.
Whene'er the path is rugged, think of Him
Who toiled beneath the cross—His eyesight dim
With drops of bloody sweat—on Calvary's hill.

Oh! though the cup be bitter to the brim,
Endure—for thee He suffered—bear up still.
—C. I. P.

If we work upon marble, it will perish; if upon brass, efface it; if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon our immortal minds—if we imbue them with principles, with the just love of God, and love of our fellow man—we engrave on those tablets something that will brighten through all eternity.—Daniel Webster.

THE VALUE OF AN IDEA

By FREDERICK W. BURRY

Written Especially for The Magazine of Mysteries

THE world of humanity depends for its life and growth on the evolution and expression of Ideas. In the kingdoms below Man there is no need for Intellectual resources; though even in these realms, as in all throughout Nature, the reign of Intelligence is clearly discernible.

Life is made more enjoyable and useful by individuals expressing themselves. One man, giving to the world an idea, has been the means of increasing the happiness and aiding the progress of the whole human race.

There are many philosophers who fail to realize the value of expression. They recognize the power of thought, and tell us to meditate and concentrate, but their philosophy ends there—they stop with subjective idealism.

Now, there is a considerable degree of interest, instruction, and even definite practical results to be got out of dreaming and contemplating. Only we should not stop there. We ought not to ignore the privilege man possesses of giving materialization to ideals. For, after all, expression is the motive of existence.

It is not to be wondered at that people call us impractical visionaries when they see us continually planning and promising and thinking and speaking—and doing so little. And have not all of us, more or less, been guilty of the sin of omission? Could we not all have done more if we had tried? Not but what some of us have been active enough. But have we not sometimes failed to systematize our efforts and concentrate our energies to the best purpose and greatest possibility?

We have not always recognized the value of an Idea. In the Silence great Thoughts have come to us, and we have let them slip by, almost unnoticed; and in the midst of our duties new suggestions have been awakened, but we have not heeded them.

Of course, it would be impossible to execute all the varied conceptions of the brain that are born day by day. And it is not wise that we should. We, however, by not giving immediate attention to some of our best ideas, lose many an opportunity.

Success waits for the man of promptness, of alertness; who moves on; who does something. At times even reckless moves are better than no moves at all—launching forward in the dark, guided by faith; but it is not often that we need to be reduced to this extremity. If we get into the habit of keeping the lamp of reason well supplied with the oil of knowledge, we shall have a light to guide our footsteps, which will get brighter every year.

Things open out when we make some kind of a preparation. All moves are useful, for they all lead somewhere. Get right into some work, and the difficulties which seemed before so colossal, instantly begin to get smaller. All our troubles look the greatest the farther off we stand from them. Real things look smaller at a distance. Troubles are illusions of the imagination.

So that Work itself is a great source of encouragement and incentive. Concentrated activity is a most potent affirmation of one's power. We thus are compelled to give testimony to the creative power that is our own—to the stupendous forces enshrined within—to the infinite relationship and potency of the Will.

Man's subconscious nature, the limitless depths of his being beneath the surface of ordinary consciousness, stretch back through the long mists of past evolution and experience, and have their centre and source in divinity. It is because man is one with God and one with Nature that his Ideas are limitless in number and expansiveness.

No man, whatever his vocation, can afford to neglect or ignore Ideas. Whatever the phase of work, Thought must enter into it to make it of lasting worth. It is Thought that makes every work it crowns to be a work of art.

Until one's work is raised to the pinnacle of Art, it is in the most germinative and

embryonic stage. The generation of people that now exists, now growing up, possesses the capabilities of doing excellent work—every one of them. It is an Era of inspiration we live in, and young and old may, if they choose, avail themselves of its rejuvenating and vivifying benedictions.

The road of unfoldment and attainment has been cleared by the heroes of the past; everything is in our favor; we have none to blame but ourselves if we remain at a standstill.

People who wilfully keep themselves enclosed within the confines of past haunts and habits cannot expect to have a clear view of Life as it really is. What they see must necessarily be modified and limited by their narrow preconceived opinions, which are so small simply because they actually stood in their own light and placed barriers against their own mental and physical progress.

A Spirit of Freedom must pervade one's consciousness if there is to be any development. Ideas are within the storehouse of our consciousness all the time, hovering behind the scene of material action, as it were, like angelic messengers; but if we continue to seal them up and practically refuse to think, we cannot expect to manifest the results that spring from these inner forces alone.

Yes, Thought is a force—a force for harmony or inharmony. A force that requires the guidance of the conscious will, the intellectual part of man, for its perfect activity. The Mind is a realm from whence issue forth streams of energy, touching one's body, touching surroundings, touching others.

This is not to infer that one is called upon to think in any strained fashion; on the contrary, a measure of indifference is all-essential for the best thought; alertness does not imply strenuousness; concentration does not mean worry.

Calmness is always the ally of strength. Gentleness goes with vigor. One is not to try or strive so much—not to make so much effort exactly—for is not faith a power, and does not faith necessitate a calm, free-from-care composure?

In a word, one should obey the suggestion or idea of the moment, without making any fuss about it. Too much time is wasted in inconsequent thinking and worry and useless talk. And then one needs to look out for the little purposeless moves. Economy of time and energy is what is wanted.

There are two thoughts that trouble different people, or the same people at different times. One is the thought that there is such a long while to wait for one's expectations, and the other thought is that time is rapidly coming on with disaster and death.

Interesting and useful work makes one both patient and hopeful. When one is engaged in something with a worthy object in view the hours and days fly like lightning, thus bringing us nearer the finished product, nearer the long-desired goal. Here is a double purpose gained by obedience to a Bright Idea—a pleasant pastime and a hastened fruition of results.

Both the process and the product should and may be a source of enjoyment. There is no joy greater than the art of achieving, unless it is the completed work and the consciousness of one's authorship of the same.

An Idea is only a possibility in potential. It is Power, but it must be utilized to be worth anything. It is conceived, and then it is to be born, matured, developed—a thousand offshoots and branches and improvements may come from one Idea.

Therefore, there is no better advice that one could give another who would make something of himself, than to move on, do something. Movement is the first principle of the universe; it guarantees one's success.

Then we need our periods of calm meditation and repose; in fact, these are often the best movements to make, and are particularly fraught with possibility for the man who has become accustomed to incessant strain.

Meditation will show him how to move easily, without so much wasted force; it will teach him that there is such a thing as reposeful action.

All things, however, bring with them a just degree of compensation. It is well that some of us have not had the chance of the monotony of an existence on a cushion of roses. It is well that we have at times been made to rough it. For have not greater faculties and powers thus been unfolded within us? Has not our consciousness thus been made to grow?

Necessity is the mother of invention. If we had it too easy, we would not take the trouble to improve and develop the possibilities of Life. We need friction—we need our spurs.

But we do not always pay much heed to the promptings of experience. We need to be reminded so often of our privileges and duties. Thus we are often made to go through similar circumstances, when if we were wide-awake we would have the advantages that come with change. The brave man will not run away from trials and difficulties, but neither will he forever confine himself in the same routine of surroundings. He will conquer conditions and then move on to conquer other conditions. That is to say, he will see that his experiences and circumstances are steps toward ever-higher attainment.

There is such a thing as being too restless, as there is such a thing as being on the go and doing nothing. Why do people go to the extreme of nervous strain or the other extreme of indolence? Especially when the middle way of system and concentration offers such rich rewards.

We know that the best way to act is to be wide-awake and responsive to the opportunities afforded by our own minds—to forsake every slovenly habit, using this adjective especially as it represents diffused thinking and execution. Anything that will help us to thus concentrate our mental and physical energies may indeed be welcomed, for we all require the stimulant of outside incentive.

Still, we should not be entirely dependent on outside suggestions. Reminders we must have—our energies are at times so dormant—but we can remind ourselves, we can stimulate ourselves by strong affirmations; we do not need to wait for others to praise or approve; there is power in being made to stand alone.

This standing alone is not the pleasantest thing, especially when one has had all manner of props and friends in the past. And yet, standing alone brings added power, and calmness and pleasantness in a very full measure come in due time. New conditions, though they may be intrinsically better than the old ones, are often at first disagreeable—reforms often come with the disturbance of revolution—but when things get settled, how thankful we feel for the changes.

Especially is it important that one learns to think alone—reading, listening to others—but finally, after sifting all good advice, trusting and following one's own ideas.

It is no vainglorious conceit that bids us give heed to one's own ideas. Ideas enshrine the promise of the future. What the world is to be is determined by the portrayal and expression of men's thoughts. The earth has not amounted to very much, so far, because the making and molding of it has been largely in the hands of a comparative few. This revolving globe contains the material and resources for geniuses by the million. Even now we can see that much. How much more of its wondrous and boundless potencies shall we discover when there is a greater and worldwide expression of Ideas!

Let not men be afraid to think. Let us not minimize ourselves. If this Universe is the play of the Infinite, of which our personalities are tabernacles, mediums for divine manifestations, we cannot dare to count our capacities as of small value.

And our Ideas, our Ideals, represent the foundations of our capacities, do they not? Then it is for us to waste no more time, but proceed to-day to believe in them, to express them, to give them life, to live them.

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We should hold in our souls, our minds and our hearts a beautiful picture of the living Christ; we should not love a dead Nazarene, but a living Christ.

To love God with all our might is to be a great power for all that is beautiful and elevating in our Earth life; it is also to be very near to the Loving Father of All and the Angels.

When we really love God we cannot do a low or mean or petty action. Noble deeds and actions are the effect of a beautiful character built by Divine Spirit through intense love for God and Christ.

Forward, ever forward! cries the soul. Eternal progress is the Divine Impulse. Take courage! Press on! Raise your eyes to the Radiant Center, the very God of the universe, who dearly loves all beings and all things, and open up your souls, hearts and minds to His Mighty Love, and be with Eternal Truth and Eternal Peace and Eternal Bliss and Eternal Power. O God of Immensity, Thy name is Love!

O Blessed God, firmly place my feet on the Glorious Path of Love, Light and Truth, that I may come to Thee and know Thee and serve Thee! I am Thy child! Thou art my Father! Lead me! Lead me!

Tender and merciful Father, help me to be kind and gentle to all living creatures, and help me try to protect them from cruel usage, and stay the angry and cruel thoughts that may arise in my mind against any being that Thy Hand has created.

"O praise the LORD, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God: yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful."

The soul that dwelleth with God here and now is the great optimistic, progressive soul that is active here and now in service. It is these divine men of Earth that are doing so much to bring about the Kingdom of God here and now.

All who really desire to make the world better and happier should live on a non-flesh diet. The cruelty and barrowing sights of the slaughter-house are awful. Aside from that, Spirituality and Divine Power is manifested in the highest degree in that earnest Christian who serves THE MASTER on a diet in which there is no meat, and which causes no killing.

God gives to each soul as much of the Divine Power as He in His great wisdom knows the soul will use with justice. The right use of a little power by pure and holy God-lovers draws to them more and greater powers. The Holy Spirit can only manifest in a high degree in a sweet and pure character who loves God.

Heaven and its hosts of Angels are always close at hand to that soul who has realized that God is an Eternal Father of Love.—Frank Harrison.

Personal charm, or magnetism, is always very strongly developed in the Holy man or woman; it is a gift from God to all who love Him and serve Him and obey Him.

Genius is the inmost nature of a great soul manifesting itself outwardly.

The Holy Spirit can heal any disease when it is permitted to flow freely through one's whole being; it fills and thrills the Soul and sets New Life vibrations. The great trouble is that few sick people love God enough to hold or attract the Holy Spirit.

We read that "God is Light." Does that mean much unless our minds are illuminated? We read that "God is Love." Does that mean much unless the love is shed abroad in our hearts? What we want is not merely a theism or belief in God, but an operative theism which takes effect in man and in ourselves. We want it for strength and cheer and comfort. We want it for deliverance from our selfishness.—Rev. Charles G. Ames.

Now

REAL Religion is for to-day. A really religious man—a converted man—knows what to do, when to do, where to do and how to do here and now.

Real Religion is for this very hour—Now.

The sooner we go to God and make our peace with Him the better off we will be.

Now! this hour and day, is the time to act; to begin the NEW LIFE and be happy here and now, and through all Eternity.

Everyone ought to live the Religious Life here and now and become filled with the Holy Spirit, which will give one Mighty Power to achieve real success here and now.

Pray to God now to lead you here and now.

A really Religious man or woman is the great man and woman of this progressive and prosperous age.

Without real religion no man or woman can reach any high degree of attainment here, now or hereafter.

Those who really love in the Now are God-loving Souls.

No one can be really happy here and now and hereafter unless they have come to God and live with Him and Christ and the Angels.

"Choose ye this day whom ye will serve."

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Are you happy?

Are you successful?

Are you in perfect Health?

If not happy and healthy you are not living in the Now.

Latent in the remaining 600,000,000 acres of the public lands is the wealth of another great nation. Upon these broad acres can be found homes for the millions of Americans who will be added each decade to the population of this country.—J. D. Whelpley.

Death only happens once; but it is constantly reminding us of its presence. The fear of it is worse than the reality.—La Bruyere.

Whether we wish to or no, we have to obey God's commands or suffer. The Law of Justice and Righteousness is Eternal and cannot change, and it must be lived and obeyed in the smallest detail or else we must pay for disobedience in suffering. No one can temporize with the Eternal Changeless Law. We must reap as we sow. If we live on the plane of Pleasure we must take its opposite, which is Pain. There can be no Pleasure without Pain. This is the Eternal Law. There can be Peace and Joy and Happiness without pain, because these are the results of love and obedience to God's Law. The Religious Life does not mean more pleasure—it means more Leisure and more Happiness and more Service, and more Power, and more Life. Love and obey God and you will live in the Highest—here and hereafter.

To the man who foolishly does me wrong, I will return the protection of my ungrudging love; the more the evil that comes from him, the more the good that shall go from me.—Buddha.

Those who wait to serve God on a grand scale never serve Him.

If you are not faithful in doing small things, certainly God cannot trust you to do great things. The Holy Seer can plainly see why some men sow to failure and others sow to success. The Great God must have trusty servants and stewards. The Unseen forces will not fail to select great souls for great places in this New Age of Light.

Invocation for Silence

ALMIGHTY God, the Silent One, we invoke Thee to give us the Divine Power of Silence! May Thy Holy grace quiet our tongues when they would utter foolish words, falsehood, slander, condemnation or bitter and cruel words. May Thy HOLY SPIRIT come upon us and dwell with us and give us power and wisdom to be discreet and silent about our personal affairs and free us from boastful and vain words. May we emulate the meek, patient, silent, suffering Jesus, our Master and Elder Brother, Thy Son. Glory be to the ALL-FATHER, and to the SON, and to the HOLY SPIRIT, and to the Angels. AMEN.

Prayer, earnest prayer, to God for Light and nothing more, will lift the soul up out of the bondage of darkness.

Whittier on Predestination

ASSUMING that a favored few can be saved by a divine decree irrespective of any merit on their part, it was logical, at least, to suppose that all might be saved in the same way. If I mistake not, this view has been greatly modified by the consideration that the natural circumstance of death cannot make any real change of character; that no one can be compelled to be good or evil; that freedom of choice belongs to both worlds, and that sin is, by its very nature, inseparable from suffering. I am not accustomed to attach very great importance to speculative opinions, and am not disposed to quarrel with any creed which avoids the danger, on one hand, of attributing implorable vengeance and cruelty to the Heavenly Father, and, on the other, of underrating the "exceeding sinfulness of sin" and its baleful consequences.

Slowly but surely the dreadful burden of the old belief in the predetermined eternity of evil is being lifted from the heart of humanity, and the goodness of God, which leadeth to repentance, is taking the place of the infinite scorn which made love well-nigh impossible. The emphasis of your denial that the divine economy is alike conservative of evil and good, misery and happiness, gives your organization a claim on the good feeling of other sects, which, while fully realizing the solemn truth of the connection here and hereafter of sin and suffering, are looking upon the problem of human destiny with the hope inspired by a clearer view of the revelation made by letter and Spirit of Him whose "Mercy endureth forever."—John Greenleaf Whittier.

Through all the incrustations of our pride and prejudice, longing to know the truth as we do, struggling in our ignorance and weakness to comprehend more and more of it, we are, as Tennyson says, "like infants crying in the night, as infants crying for the light"—for that subduing and tranquilizing knowledge which ever satisfies the soul of man.—George A. Bacon.

What Makes America Great

ANY country that has men like Washington, Lincoln, Grant and McKinley will be great. All these great leaders and rulers of men were God-loving Christian men. Men who love God love their country and their fellowmen—love humanity. Abraham Lincoln was an ideal American and he voiced the principles of this country when he said: WITH MALICE TOWARD NONE; WITH CHARITY FOR ALL; WITH FIRMNESS IN THE RIGHT, AS GOD GIVES US TO SEE THE RIGHT.

What is that mystic, unseen force that is constantly at work helping men out of their troubles and sorrows and perplexities? What is that unseen power that suddenly converts a bestial and brutal drunkard of years into an Angel? What is that Omnipotent, Omnipresent and Omnipresent Power that we see at work throughout all nations—throughout the whole Universe?

The Loving Father of All pities every child in trouble. He tries hard to reach us, but we are stubborn and wilful and complaining, and refuse to let Him help us. How can we be helped when we resolutely close the doors of our hearts and keep them closed?

Love and Temperance, health and strength, prosperity and progress, power to do, power to live a long, healthy and useful life, are some of the effects of loving God with all Soul, all heart and all mind. Failure and misery and unhappiness is the lot of those who stubbornly and wilfully ignore God in the Light of this Great Age of Light and Progress.

The power and serene calm of the Holy Mystic is due to the holy inspirations that come to him by praying, listening, obeying and doing. All real mystics are tremendous and tireless workers. A holy man is never slothful nor a mere dreamer. He who lives with and for God is the worker of all workers and the producer of all producers. The mystic under divine direction knows what to do and how, when and where to work. He works with love and great energy and for work's sake alone, perfectly non-attached to his work or the fruits thereof, yet fully enjoying both the work and the fruits.

HEART TALKS

By Helen Van-Anderson

THESE are days when every word spoken is pregnant with good or ill to those who hear it. There are so many sensitive souls who, like Aeolian harps, respond to the lightest vibration, and every thought or word going forth from us is, as it were, breathed upon them. We must see that it is fraught only with that which is comforting and inspiring.

I received a letter a short time ago which began by saying: "I must thank you for your kind words. They have helped me more than I can say, for at this time I have so many burdens," etc. The writer little knew how much her words meant to me, for I, too, seemed heavy-laden, and these appreciative words were cups of refreshment to my thirsty lips. As it is with ourselves, we find it is with others—a little word will help us far on the way. Our trials may be very different; one word may mean more than another, and yet with thoughtfulness we can soon learn which word to speak.

There are many now who need faith—the kind of faith that will make them still, trusting moment by moment that every supply will be met, all necessary conditions fulfilled. To such, the word "peace," spoken from the heart that is trustful, will be like oil upon troubled waters. It may have to be spoken often or held quietly in the mind in connection with the one to be helped. There can be no real faith as long as there are unrest, fearfulness, anxiety. These are tempestuous thought-waves that will engulf those who think them. And it is this word "peace," dear hearts, which I wish you to receive as a breath of benediction. Perhaps you have thought of the word many times before, perhaps you have even sat down in the silence and tried to feel the realizing sense of its quality, but no matter how many times you have used it before, use it now. Let it be your watch-word for a month, let it be as a magic talisman to lift you out of despondency, forebodings or any troubled emotions.

Consider what kind of peace it is. It is not the kind that comes after having eaten a good meal, or having received a present, or having been invited to a party. It is the kind that fills the whole being with a nameless calm. It is the kind that Paul describes as the peace that passeth understanding. This must be because it cannot be described. It can be known only as it is experienced. It is the kind of which Jesus said: "My peace I give unto thee, not as the world giveth." It is the kind that quells all turbulence of the emotions, that brings into the mind beautiful pictures of pacivity and calmness, such pictures as we find in the 23d Psalm. It is the kind of peace that dwells with us as an ineffaceable memory, even when it has passed away as experience. When we can feel this peace it will enable us to pass days and nights of perfect tranquillity, even though our cupboard may be bare and our pocket empty.

You may think this is not possible, but, dear hearts, it is. There are hundreds of people to-day who are being fed as though by ravens, day by day, not knowing where the next meal will come from. Are they sitting down with no effort to do anything to obtain supplies? Are they merely waiting in passive expectation that a raven will come to them? No, they are doing what their hands find to do, knowing that their Father will send, in His own way, their reward. And He does. This wonderful peace of mind with which they work and in which they dwell is like a great, calm, broad-bosomed river upon which ships, laden with supplies, float to them. More plainly speaking, their placid state draws to them friends, opportunities or even supplies of whatever kind they need.

Have you not read the wonderful experiences of the faith-workers, such as Dr. Cullis, of Boston, who built and sustained for years a Consumptives' Home through his faith in the Divine power? He had no money to begin with, but he prayed and believed that his prayer would be answered. It was answered in a most marvelous way. Money and supplies of all kinds were sent to this institution without any outer seeking. In the same way George Muller, of

England, founded and carried on an Orphan Asylum. In the same way Mrs. Mary Whittemore, of New York, founded the "Door of Hope" mission. In the same way hundreds of institutions are being founded and sustained. Their splendid, steady faith, their unyielding peace put them in direct relation with the Giver of Gifts and made it possible for them to receive the answer to their every prayer.

You and I may not have a Consumptives' Home or an Orphan Asylum to support. We may have only ourselves or our families to look after. Is there any reason why we may not have the faith and consequently the peace that puts us in touch with God? Let us see. Try it for one month. Live the faith-life, be at peace and see if it is not true that your prayers will be answered. It is only when the mind is at peace that we know how to pray, believing, and it is this kind of prayer that will be answered. Before you pray, then, be sure that your heart has peace, the peace that comes of this wonderful faith.

Here are a few suggestions, if you would like something more practical, for if we are to practice a month we must have a definite plan as to how to proceed. In the first place always be sure to go to bed with the most peaceful thoughts in your mind. In order that you may be more fittingly prepared for this peaceful mood, retire to your room a little earlier than usual. After everything is ready and you are robed for the night, taking care to have plenty of fresh air in your room, sit down quietly and spend at least three minutes in taking long, deep breaths, thinking the word "peace" as you inhale. After you have paid especial attention to the breath for this length of time, merely hold the word in your mind. Realize its quality and let it sink into your very soul, as it were. When you find that you are growing calm, again breathe out "peace," realizing that you are giving a benediction of peace to the world. Breathe it in, realizing that you are receiving it. After you have spent a few moments thus, you are ready to make your request. Then retire. Having the thought and feeling of peace so deeply impressed upon you, you will sleep well and in the morning rise refreshed and joyous.

Before leaving your room, repeat the same exercise as you did the previous evening. Carry the thought of peace with you all day. In whatever you do, be sure of that background, as it were, in which you rest. If anything occurs to disturb you, either mentally or physically, take a few deep breaths with the thought of "peace" and in a few moments you will find calmness again possessing you. Thus go on from day to day, practicing "peace," and in a month you will scarcely know yourself to be the same being that you are to-day. This is the word that you will not only breathe in, but breathe out continually. A little word, but a blessed one, which will carry benedictions to all who come within your sphere.

Do not be discouraged if at times you feel in a perfect vortex of emotions quite contrary to peace. Keep right on, do your breathing, resolutely turn your thought away from every suggestion that would lead you astray. It is doing the thing at the crucial moment that counts. This is what will break up the old habit and check all tendencies to defeat. No matter if you find yourself sobbing with heart-break, stop the tide of sorrow by saying "peace," thinking, breathing "peace," even though the tears still rain down your cheeks. Very quickly they will cease; very quickly the new and desired mood will come. It is practice, as well as will to do, that brings results, and it is practice that brings power. So the practice of the idea and ideal of peace will bring us into the consciousness of the Divine realm wherein is all spiritual power.

"The soul's vision clears when the golden gates of its inner life are closely shut upon the outside world. It then learns to examine its inner depths, to discover the Divine forces which are its very essence. God speaks to the soul in silence, as the Mystics say, and reveals to it the dignity and majesty with which He has endowed it." Peace be with you all!

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Cardinal Gibbons in Praise of Pope Leo XIII

At the recent silver jubilee of the Pope observed in Baltimore, Cardinal Gibbons spoke in part as follows:

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"As we are commemorating to-day the jubilee of our holy father, Leo XIII., it is proper I should make some especial allusion to the life of that illustrious pontiff. Joachim Pecci, the family name of the Pope, was born on the 2d of March, 1810. He has consequently entered upon his 93d year, and has almost spanned a century. He was ordained in December, 1837, and was consecrated archbishop in 1843, nearly 60 years ago. He was already an archbishop before the vast majority of this congregation were born, and he has already lived longer in the episcopate than any of his predecessors. He was created a cardinal in 1853, and was raised to the chair of Peter in 1878. Only two Popes have exceeded Leo in longevity, and only three supreme pontiffs have ruled the universal church for a longer period, namely, St. Peter, Pius VII. and Pius IX., and, if Leo survives another year, he will have been bishop of Rome longer than even Peter or Pius VII.

"Of the 260 Popes who have sat in the chair of Peter, few of them have exerted a wider and more beneficial influence on the social, political, and the religious world than the pontiff now happily reigning. He is a consummate statesman, as well as an enlightened churchman. In the course of his pontificate he has issued a series of masterly and luminous encyclicals which have served as moral landmarks to his spiritual children and have commanded the respect and admiration of the civilized world.

"In the encyclical which appeared in 1885, treating of the constitution of the Christian states, the holy father clearly demonstrates that the Catholic church can adapt herself to all forms of civil government. When I was invited to Rome by the Pope in 1887 to receive the insignia of a cardinal, I delivered an address in the Church of Santa Maria in Trastevere, my titular church, and as I took this encyclical for the text of my remarks, I cannot do better than to give the following abstract of the sermon which was pronounced on that occasion:

"Our holy father, Leo XIII., in his luminous encyclical on the constitution of the

Christian states, declares that the church is not committed to any particular form of civil government. She adapts herself to all. She leavens all with the sacred leaven of the Gospel. She has lived under absolute empires, under constitutional monarchies, and in free republics, and everywhere she grows and expands. She has often, indeed, been hampered in her divine mission. She has even been forced to struggle for existence, wherever despotism has cast its dark shadows, like a plant shut out from the blessed sunlight of heaven. But in the general atmosphere of liberty, she blossoms like the rose. For myself, as a citizen of the United States, and without closing my eyes to our shortcomings as a nation, I say with a deep sense of pride and gratitude that I belong to a country where the civil government holds over us the aegis of its protection without interfering with us in the legitimate exercise of our sublime mission as ministers of the gospel of Christ. Our country has liberty without license, and authority without despotism. She rears no wall to exclude the stranger from coming among us. She has few frowning fortifications to repel the invader, for she is at peace with all the world. She rests secure in the consciousness of her strength and her good will toward all. Her harbors are open to welcome the honest emigrant who comes to advance his temporal interests and find a peaceful home, but, while we are acknowledged to have a free government, perhaps we do not receive the credit that belongs to us for also having a strong government."

"I may here remark, parenthetically, that, since our war with Spain, Europe has been impressed with our military power.

"Yes, our nation is strong, and her strength lies, under the overruling guidance of Providence, in the majesty and supremacy of the law, in the loyalty of her citizens and in the affection of her people for her free institutions. There are, indeed, grave social problems now engaging the earnest attention of the citizens of the United States, but I have no doubt that, with God's blessing, these problems will be solved by the sound judgment and common sense of the American people without violence or revolution, or any injury to individual rights."

"I know not whether Providence will spare me to pay homage to other supreme pontiffs, but whether my life is short or long, or whatever may be the future line of Popes sitting in the chair of Peter, I shall always cherish a special filial affection for and the tenderest memories of Leo XIII."

Whatever binds thee in doubt, fear and apprehension disgraces and lowers thee; any alleged religion, philosophy or sect that does not bring sunshine into thy being is base and false, and is not Truth. The test of Truth is whether it makes thee glad, joyous, blissful, strong, healthy and enduring.—*The Blissful Prophet.*

Our very first care should be to put the mind in order and thus arouse it to an understanding that it is the instrument or servant of the Eternal Soul—not its master. Thus the mind is spiritualized or harmonized, and it will build a fair, fine, perfect and beautiful body, from the perfect and beautiful thoughts it receives and sends forth.

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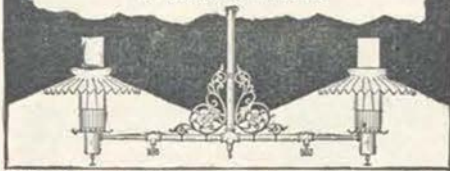
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The Aztec Idol

By Willametta Preston



TOP a minute, Professor; what d'ye suppose this here thing is an image of?" called Farmer Stapleton.

"Eh! What did you say? Excuse me, Mr. Stapleton," and Professor Burney rubbed his hand across his brow as if to clear his mental vision. "I am rather absent-minded, you know."

"I should think ye was, Professor. I had to speak three times afore ye heard me," replied the farmer with a laugh. "Excuse me for saying it, but seems to me 'twould be better if ye'd look at things when ye goes for a walk. Here it is spring-time and the birds are singing and the flowers blooming, and all nature seems to say rejoice and be glad."

"You are right, my friend, but I was so busy with my work that it followed me out of doors. I think you asked me a question?"

"Yes, I asked ye what this here image is," handing the professor what looked like a rudely fashioned stone doll. "I ploughed it up down in the medder, and it seemed sort of cur'us like."

Professor Burney took the image and examined it carefully. To his trained eye there were many distinguishing marks upon it.

"It is doubtless an Aztec idol," he said at length. "Where did you say it was found?"

"Down on the medder bottom; about two feet under ground, I should judge. We was ploughing deep for a drain."

"I should like to examine it more closely. Are you willing I should take it to my room?"

"Sartin, sartin. That's what I showed it to ye for. Ben he allowed he was going to have it for his collection, but I told him if it had any historical value, the college was going to hev it."

Thanking the farmer for his gift, Professor Burney returned to his room, and locking himself in, began his examination. There could be no mistake. It was a genuine Aztec idol. There were the same angular outlines, the same cuneiform inscriptions upon breast and forehead. But stop! what was this upon the bottom? A tiny slit, as if made with the point of a knife, and around it, in familiar characters, the words, "Put your knife in here and turn as if a screw."

Carefully inserting the point of his smallest penknife, Professor Burney turned in the direction indicated. There was a snap, and out dropped a small cylinder of stone. On this were more letters:

"Put your hand within the image. Draw carefully out thin paper. Read."

Wondering what was coming next, yet ready for anything, Professor Burney followed the directions, bringing to light several sheets of thin, rough paper, evidently hand-made, and covered with fine, regular script.

He unfolded and read as directed:

"Anno Domini 1741.

"Whoever may be reading these words, Greeting!

"Have you ever heard of Mortimer Maybe, who, with his cousin, as venture-some as himself, determined to penetrate an unknown land and bring thence great wealth?

"The land was that of the Aztecs. Report had come of rich mines, of temples laden with gold and silver. We were actuated not wholly by avarice, for with us was Father Pêche, a priest of the Church of Rome, who had vowed to plant the cross upon every temple in the land of the Aztec or give his life in the attempt.

"It would take too long to tell of our perilous journey across an almost uninhabited country. After the first day we saw but a single white man. Occasionally we came upon an Indian camp. They were, for the most part, friendly, and sent us on our way with yet clearer directions for our journey.

"Suddenly, although we knew we must be almost at our journey's end, we found ourselves barred from further progress by an impenetrable chain of mountains, the highest I have ever seen. To scale them was impossible. Must we turn back when on the very threshold of our Eldorado? Would to God we had! But with perverse obsti-

nacy we searched diligently for some way over or around. On the morning of the third day we found a slight trail which led us by a circuitous route over and between them. We crossed a deep chasm upon a tree which had been felled across. Thus we came out upon an open plain which extended as far as the eye could see. In the centre of this plain was a miniature mountain, like a great pyramid, its summit crowned by a building which glittered in the tropical sun as if covered with gold.

"We were in the land of the Aztec. For the first time our hearts failed us. We turned to retrace our steps, but we had lost the trail. We could not even tell in which direction we had come. Bewildered and half fearful, we looked one at the other.

"We must go on," said Father Pêche, impressively. "I have my vow to fulfill. We promised to stand or fall together."

"There was nothing else to do, so on we went. After a little another trail appeared. It led us across the plain in a southerly direction, becoming more and more distinct, until it became a well-defined path. Dusk was now upon us. We turned aside into a clump of bushes and prepared to spend the night, first partaking lightly of our scanty store of food.

"We could have slept but a short time when we were awakened by the sound of dogs yelping, and springing up, found that our hiding-place had been discovered. There, looking down upon us, with curious, unfriendly eyes, were the natives of this strange country. They were a brown-skinned people, as well they might be, since their only clothing was such as Adam wore in the garden. They surrounded us, and half led, half dragged us to the nearest village.

"Here, we could plainly see by the moonlight, were a score or more of low huts made of sun-baked mud. There was but a single opening, so low that we had to crawl in on our hands and knees. Within the hut, on a sort of platform, was a stone image not unlike the one wherein I shall conceal this writing. To this image all bowed, touching their foreheads to the ground.

"After a long confabulation, some of the men went off, returning, after a time, with

their chief. There he stood towering head and shoulders above his fellows, his body grotesquely adorned with pictures of the sun god and other Aztec deities. A necklace of teeth hung about his neck. He carried spears and a knife.

"Were we to meet death before we had time to learn aught of this strange people, to teach them aught?

"It seemed thus for a time. There was more talking, some of it excited; but one, who had kept nearest to us, seemed to take our part. He pointed to our knapsacks. These were eagerly opened and their contents divided among them. This doubtless saved our lives. A hut was given us; the man who had saved us was appointed our guard. He brought us food and motioned us to eat and rest.

"They seemed unable, in spite of our efforts to teach them, to make sounds at all resembling our words, nor could we learn their gutturals. Still, we managed to invent a method of communication. Little by little did Father Pêche try to teach them of his God. He could never tell how much they understood.

"After a time a maiden came to live in a hut near us. She was fair of skin and blue of eye. She seemed like a creature from another world. She was treated with the utmost consideration. Women brought her food and ornaments of gold and silver. Men prostrated themselves before her. Even the chief paid her homage.

"Hamilton, my cousin, was wild to know her, to save her from the fate we surmised was to be hers. After a time he succeeded in communicating with her. He learned that she had been shipwrecked upon the southern coast and brought hither. She knew not why her life had been spared, why such attentions were lavished upon her.

"Alas, we knew only too well, for our guide had told us that each year, upon a certain feast day, which was now drawing nigh, a maiden was sacrificed to propitiate their supreme god, of which this is the image. This year, as a mark of special favor, a fair-haired daughter of the sun was cast upon their shore far to the southward. Thus did their god show his favor by providing a sacrifice of such beauty and grace.

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preme effort to save her from the impending doom. For days he prepared himself by fasting and prayer, as did Elisha of old. He intended to call upon God to prove Himself to this people by providing another sacrifice.

"How this would have succeeded we were destined never to know, for upon the morning of the fateful day both maiden and Hamilton were missing, nor did we ever hear aught of them again.

"Until the assembling of the multitude upon the plain of the sun we had no idea of the vast numbers of people who inhabited this region. Imagine their fury, if you can, when they discovered that the maiden had escaped. At first Hamilton was not missed, else I should not have survived the day.

"In the midst of the clamor Father Peche made his way to the very top of the temple of the sun, raised his hands to heaven and called upon his God.

"The people looked aghast. They expected to see him instantly killed for such sacrilege. Instead, he looked down upon the crowd of eager faces, and by word and gesture told them that the God above all others would not tolerate human sacrifices, that his God demanded the destruction of all idols. Taking the one from the pinnacle beside him he hurled it far out upon the plain, calling upon the god it represented to come and avenge its desecration.

"The people waited breathlessly for the expected calamity, but none came. Then Father Peche called upon the God Jehovah to prove himself the supreme God.

"Instantly there came an earthquake that overthrew the temple, leaving not one stone upon another. As if by a miracle, Father Peche, who had been standing upon the highest point, escaped unharmed. Not one of the vast throng was injured.

"We hoped, after this exhibition of power, that the natives would stand somewhat in awe of us and permit us either to go our way or to live in peace among them, teaching them the ways of civilization. Not so. Father Peche was more closely guarded than ever before, for he was the only one who could manage the God of the white man. If rain was wanted, if success in battle, or any other favor, then Father Peche was commanded to make his God do their bidding. If the desired favors were not forthcoming, then Father Peche was kicked and beaten until finally life became a burden. One morning I found myself alone in the land of the Aztec.

"Most heartily did I regret my rash venture among this people, but it was too late. All I could do was to make my life as endurable as possible.

"After Father Peche's death another temple to the sun was built. It was in need of an idol. I was skillful with tools and offered to make one. Hence, these many years, have I been a maker of idols. But one have I made of which they know not. It is the one in which I shall secrete this paper. If I had means of so doing, I would have recorded many things of this strange country of interest to scientists and historians, but quills and paper were alike lacking.

"To-day there came a red man from the North on a friendly errand. He is to be allowed to return in the morning. To him, as a token of esteem, one of these idols will be given. I have already been ordered to have one ready by sunrise. Instead, I shall bring forth this, and place within this parchment, which I have with difficulty made from the grass of the plain.

"The red man worships the Great Spirit, not a stone image. He will throw this away when he reaches the North. I know not where or when. Sometime it will be found and opened. When, or by whom, I know not. If soon, then come to my rescue. As nearly as I can make out from repeated observations of the heavens we are,

at the full of the moon, directly under the ninth star south of the great 'Dipper,' in the land of the Aztec.

"If you come not soon, I shall be at peace, for some great festival is approaching, when fifty full-grown men and as many maidens go to propitiate the terrible god of war.

"Death is preferable far to the long days of solitary confinement among a strange people. Yet I have not deserved quite such a fate, even if avarice did partly prompt my venture.

"It is nearly sunrise. Paper and time both fail me. I must place this in the image and go forth. Farewell, whoever may be reading this. And yet again, farewell."

The Goal of All Souls

EVERY action has an effect. Each human being to-day is the effect of all past action of soul, heart and mind. The goal of each soul is knowledge and perfection gained by action—experience. We live to-day that we may better know how to live to-morrow, and our incarnation here on Earth prepares each one of us for a better existence in a future state. "Pleasure is not the goal of man, but knowledge. Pleasure and happiness come to an end. It is the mistake of mankind to suppose that pleasure is the goal; the cause of all the woes and miseries we have in the world is that men foolishly think pleasure to be the ideal." The effect of pleasure is always more or less pain. The effect of knowledge is lasting peace and lasting power. Knowledge builds lasting character, and carries the soul from one plane of existence to a higher or better plane. As the soul evolves in the Eternal Cycles of life its mind begins to realize truth; "that it is not happiness, but knowledge, toward which it is going, and that both pleasure and pain are great teachers." In the Divine Evolution we learn from all things—so-called good and bad. Each moment we are molding character, and this work goes on through ages until we reach perfection or omniscience and are eternally at-one with the Eternal One—God or Infinite Perfection. We are all of us in a more or less degree piling up knowledge and reaching a higher degree of consciousness. The inner fire is burning away the cage of ignorance, delusion and superstition, and all the souls of this planet each succeeding day get nearer and nearer to the goal—knowledge. Keep it firmly fixed in the mind that this is the beginning of the great Psychic-Mental Age or real Golden Age of this planet, and that the countless souls here on the Earth-plane are now nearing the goal at a tremendous rate. We entered January 1st, 1901, the New Great Cycle (the Fourth Great Cycle), and knowledge, wisdom, light and power are now flooding the minds of the children of God in such a great and rapid volume that in a little while men of Earth will refuse to longer feed on the husks of the dark ages—so-called "soul food." An infinite mine of knowledge is now opened to the finite minds of men, and they are gathering great nuggets of Truth that will soon make them one with the Infinite One. The goal of all souls is the one goal—knowledge. Oh, Perfect One! we are approaching Thee divested of all error, and with only Truth and Love for Thee, knowing Thou art the Loving Father of ALL.

Fanaticism is sincere, hence its great power. Zealots, without knowledge or wisdom, always sway and carry great crowds. The only thing that fanaticism can teach man is that there is tremendous power in sincerity, whether it is employed in truth or error.

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for The Magazine of Mysteries

"That which exists is one: Sages call it variously."—*Rig-Veda*, I, 164, 46.

INVOCATION

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, grant me understanding, knowledge and wisdom to write here words of Truth, Love and Hope. O blessed guardian angel! I ask thee for Light from the Angel Spheres, and may my guides and controls guard my mind and hand, that nothing but the Truth may be written. All for the glory of God, the Holy Spirit and the Holy Angels. Amen.

In the ultimate analysis we realize all Life is one—this realizing oneness with the Eternal One that we call God is called the unveiling of the mind.

We reach infinite perfection by work, study, thinking, reading, worshipping, knowledge and wisdom—by love and aspiring to know.

These are the means and details of attainment to the Most High and is the blessed triune way to absolute freedom—Religion, Philosophy, and Science.

An adept says: "All doctrines, or dogmas, or rituals, or books, or temples, or forms are but secondary details."

An aspiring soul in a while comes to have a broad open mind that searches deeply into the ALL; indeed, it is better to say the ALL comes into the mind of the aspiring one without any straining effort on the part of the aspirant, and places there all light, all knowledge, all wisdom, all power.

The seeker is sought by the great God when the doors of the mind are kept wide open.

When all the veils of doubt, fear, envy, greed, anger, ignorance, superstition and illusion are forever torn from the mind, omnipresent Omniscience and Omnipotence forever dwell in the mind.

Men are weak and faint only as they veil or close their minds with veils of ignorance, superstition, illusion, bigotry, intolerance, and fanaticism.

All the miracles, mysteries and answers to prayers are fully comprehended to an unveiled soul—an unveiled mind.

All our disease, worries and apprehensions, drudgery and poverty come through these dark veils held by the mind over the mind.

When all these veils are stripped from the mind, omnipresent Omniscience and Omnipotence step in and forever hold the mind in eternal bliss and All Power.

Nothing of value can be comprehended by the mind that is superstitious, ignorant and bigoted; the mind is then too small and narrow for infinite knowledge and wisdom—Omniscience.

It is the broad, deep mind that comprehends what the narrow, shallow mind says is incomprehensible.

The narrow and shallow mind—the veiled mind—has always a horrible belief in the natural weakness of man; while the broad, deep, whole (holy) and unveiled mind always holds the grand and glorious knowledge that each soul is potentially divine.

The unveiled mind has but one goal, one aspiration, the liberation of mind through knowledge, and this thought is extended to all minds—is in no sense selfish or limited.

And the unveiled mind of one soul will, in a silent, sacred way, help by its psychical or occult powers to unveil countless other minds.

There is no end or limit to the power of a mind stripped from all its dark veils of ignorance, superstition and illusion.

All power is in Love, Knowledge and Wisdom—it is the light of Omniscience and Omnipotence that ever floods the open mind—the stripped mind.

Darkness, weakness and impotence are the nature of veiled or clouded minds; omniscience and omnipotence, of unveiled minds.

In all ages great and wise men—omniscient men—have given the world simple and specific directions how man can open his mind to the influx of Universal Mind—eternal, changeless, divine mind.

And what do these great souls always say to men? Love all; censure, criticize and condemn nothing in God's great universe; know that God is the All in All; that Life and Mind are equally all-pervading, but manifesting in countless forms on countless planes; that all souls are eternal and ultimately reach one goal—oneness with God—infinite perfection.

All Life is orderly and progressive, and all beings are going onward, forward and upward, and are only retarded in their progress as they veil and close their minds with silly, childish fears and doubts—illusory and superstitious thoughts and beliefs about the great God and His grand and blessed universe.

The adept does not tell you to believe in anything; he appeals to the self, to aspire to know.

The basis of Spiritual Science is knowledge; to know, and not to believe—to unveil the mind to Universal Mind.

The conclusions from mere belief make man weak and negative and usually perniciously active; while divine knowledge and wisdom makes him strong, positive, calm, serene, sober and sane.

There is neither power, beauty nor dignity in a veiled mind.

It is the veiled or darkened minds of the world that cause all these various religious systems to quarrel with each other and make God ridiculous to unawakened souls.

A Universal Lover is one who has a mind cleansed and stripped of all the veils of darkness and illusion and is not limited or bound by any one religion, but fully comprehends the love, truth and beauty of all religions.

Unattached to the particular, he is attached to the ALL—the universe is his eternal home—and he has reached the Blessed State that passeth all understanding of the veiled or finite mind.

At the ultimate analysis we find that there is nothing real in the universe but eternal Love and Life, and that in most part all religious teachings "are only bundles of theories without any standard to judge them by, each man preaching his own pet ideas."

The unveiled or open mind changes man from animal and carnal man to the angelic or divine state, and he comes into Oneness with God, and is a Universalist, and has only love for all, and no "pet ideas," "theories" or "schemes" of salvation; he lives only in the blessed state of truth, knowledge and wisdom, and acts in no unseemly or undignified way—he is now and here and everywhere for all eternity a great soul.

All are great souls, but are not conscious of this blessed truth, because their minds are yet veiled; but sooner or later, sometime, somewhere, Universal Love and Universal Mind will burn away all these veils, and what a great and blessed unveiling that will be!

In this blessed age of light the modern Higher Thought, or what some are pleased to call the New-old Thought, is consuming these old veils of ignorance and superstition at such a tremendous rate that men everywhere are realizing that we have at last entered the real Golden Age of this planet.

Great souls everywhere are singing glad and joyous songs of Universal Love, the Fatherhood and Motherhood of God, and the Brotherhood of man.

Countless men now and here walk and talk with God and the Angels and the Archangels, and discarnate intelligences, as never before in the history of the world.

That is the reason we are so progressive, prosperous and happy—a new and bright day of eternal light has dawned.

Glory be to God! the minds of all men are reaching out, expanding and growing, and we are now entering the BROAD and easy road to eternal bliss.

There never was a Narrow, rough and hard road to God, for He dwells within thy soul, and is never away from thee.

What nonsense and rubbish the old

teachers taught about the Narrow Way; their minds were veiled and narrow and they could only see a narrow way in the dim light.

In truth, there is no path at all to God, as He is the nearest thing to thee—is thee.

So, let us at last begin to rip the veils of "road" and "path" from our minds; it is only a figure of speech that the advanced soul uses to help uplift other souls who are sleeping.

Any religion that man must take on belief helps him very little; a man must walk and talk and live with God and the angels before he can really be spiritual—religious.

What good does it do a man to tell him he must believe in ancient communion of men with God and the Angels, if he has never had a word or a sign from the unseen worlds? Or what is worse still, to tell him it is a sin for him to even think of such a thing?

Throughout the ancient sacred writings—inspired books—are many accounts of men walking and talking with God and the Angels; indeed, about all of these sacred books are made up in full of such accounts. Yet the teachers and preachers who rely on these books will tell men that "at the present time these experiences have become obsolete, and therefore we have now to take religion on belief."

What childish talk! What! the great God, man and the universe going backward, degenerating?

Is God less God to-day than then? Is the eternal Father, the Omnipotent One, a failure—impotent?

No! no! man's mind has been veiled with ignorance, superstition and illusion—that's all.

God talks to more men to-day than ever before and speaks in a clearer and more comprehensive way, because man's mind is clearer and more comprehensive, and freer from illusion and delusion of hell, Satan, a punishing and angry God; because God is not so far away as superstitious and ignorant minds thought He was only a little while back.

In speaking of angel communion, revelations, and miracles and similar experiences, Swami Vivekananda says, in his Hindu Raja Yoga work: "If there has been one case of experience in this world in any particular branch of knowledge it absolutely follows that this experience has been possible millions of times before, and will be repeated eternally. Uniformity is the rigorous law of nature; what once happened can happen always. The teachers of the science of Yoga, therefore, declare that religion is not only based upon the experience of ancient times, but that no man can be religious until he has the same perceptions himself."

Unveil thy mind and strip it entirely of all dogmatic and theologic beliefs, illusions, bigotry and intolerant ideas, and you will get these perceptions—these same experiences of the ancient good and wise men.

"It is useless to talk about religion until one has felt it."

It is useless for one to write and speak about the angels and eternal souls until one has seen and talked and walked with angels and discarnate spirits.

What right has a man to say he is an eternal soul if he does not feel it, or that there is a God, if he does not realize Him within?

It is far better to not believe at all than to believe blindly; "it is better to be an outspoken frank atheist than a hypocrite."

The idea among some that the search after a Supreme Being is futile is one of the dark veils of the mind that brings to man much of his woe and misery—disease, poverty, weakness and drudgery.

In fact, there is no great search needed—God is within thy self!

"Man wants truth, wants to experience truth for himself, to grasp it, to realize it, to feel it within his heart of hearts; then alone, declare the Vedas, will all doubts vanish, all darkness be scattered, and all crookedness be made straight."

"Ye children of immortality, even those who live in the highest sphere, the way is found; there is a way out of all this darkness, and that is by perceiving Him Who is beyond all darkness, and there is no other way."

The first step toward attainment is to open and empty thy mind of all such thought that tells thee that God is incomprehensible.

It takes no great mind or great will to comprehend the great God; fervent, universal love is the key that opens the mind to a true conception and perception of God.

In all ages the holy sages have no other

motive than pure love; they are pure and unselfish men who only desire to do good to all and for the Whole, and they all truthfully "declare that they have found some truth higher than that the senses bring to us, and they challenge verification."

If you deny that man cannot comprehend God, you merely label your mind as limited or carnal, and are not sane or rational—your mind is yet veiled.

The mind when unveiled illumines everything, because it is then all light, all knowledge, and all power.

A savage cannot enjoy or comprehend the mind of a Shakespeare while he is in the savage state, but let that mind, in its eternal evolution, come up into a Bacon and Shakespeare is comprehended and enjoyed at once.

So it is when we reach a certain degree in the Grand Evolution—we are sick, tired and well-nigh discouraged in our beliefs—but lo! the mind begins to open to a small ray of light, and we begin to strip it of the veils of belief, and knowledge pours in—divine knowledge—and soon we are forever freed and saved—our minds saved from error. We perceive and comprehend God!

We now "turn the mind, as it were, inside, stop it from going outside," and soon uncover the great and mighty God in our own souls, minds, and hearts, and all woe and misery forever disappears and we are in eternal bliss.

By unveiling the mind you will come face to face with something which is never destroyed, "something which is, by its own nature, eternally pure and perfect," and that something is you, and now you will no more be miserable, no more unhappy—there will be perfect bliss now and here in the physical body.

Concentrate thy mind on unveiling the mind of its illusions, superstitious beliefs and dark veils of ignorance, if thou wouldst realize eternal bliss.

Nature always gives up her secrets to the mind that is not closed or veiled.

There is absolutely no limit to the power of the unveiled mind.

The nations of the Earth need three things, says the Rev. Dr. Reese F. Alsop: "Justice between man and man and government and subject; liberty for each individual to develop himself so long as he does not crowd upon his fellow; peace, the sheathing of the sword, the putting away of violence, the protection of all." And this is what all the God-loving men and women of the world are working and strenuously striving for to-day. The world needs at the present moment great men, strong with love, soul and heart and unifying power—men who can unify and harmonize religious beliefs, the different churches and the discordant and disturbing factions in the State. Real Christianity will, in time, solve all the perplexing problems of religion, Church and State throughout the world. "Liberty, Justice and Peace and Harmony and Melody in the whole world" is the divine Vision of the Holy Mystics, who live in GOD, CHRIST and the Holy Spirit. Every form of wrong in the whole world must pass away in this, the New Dispensation, and it is the duty of each reader of this Magazine to do all he possibly can to bring about Liberty, Justice, Peace and Harmony and Melody in THE MASTER'S WAY.

Discontent is not always a bad quality. It is well to be contented with some things, but better to be discontented with others—contented with the good things around you and discontented with the bad things within you. If there is any hope of your being able to improve yourself in any way, or better any course of action, by all means be discontented with your present plan. Some of the greatest improvements in civilization, and the noblest advances in human intercourse, have been brought about by active discontent. But be careful how you handle this bit of advice. If you take hold of it at the right end, and don't swing it too far, it will be useful to you.—*Jack-in-the-Pulpit.*

They drift away. Ah, God! they drift forever.

I watch the stream sweep onward to the sea

Like some old battered buoy upon a roaring river

Round which the tide-waifs hang—then drift to sea.

I watch them drift, the old familiar faces,

Who fished and rowed with me, by stream and wold,

'Til ghosts, not men, fill old beloved places,

And ah! the land is rank with churchyard mould.

World-Changes

WHEN the war-cloud between America and Spain was threatening storm, there was a movement among the Latin nations of Europe looking toward intervention; but it failed because of lack of support of the greater powers. War strengthened the muscles of the youthful American nation and raised it to the position and dignity of a world power; and now the nations of Europe are quarreling over the question as to whom the honor belongs for having befriended America. The favor of America is being sought by Europe; the waning and weakening powers seek the support and strength of the growing West. Changes are being rapidly made in the affairs of the world; the new history is being written, and it is the history of American supremacy.—*Flaming Sword.*

When man, through love of God's creatures and through fervent prayer, ceases to eat flesh meat, the cruel tiger in him dies, and the angel in him lives. "There are two parts in man; in part he is linked to the tiger, in part he is allied to the angel." This is the New Age when THE TIGER in man cannot live.

"THE TIGER IS NOT ETERNAL,
THE ANGEL IN MAN SHALL LIVE."

Do we not see the Tiger slain daily? The Tiger is the Mystic Beast of Carnage and Prey and all Mystics know that the Tiger is now practically dead forever. The world is not now built on Tiger lines.

Mr. Josiah Oldfield, of the Order of the Golden Age, says:

"Out of the evil shall spring the good,
Out of cruel, the gentle,
Out of tiger, the Angel."

"And so it shall come to pass that when the tiger within snarls for his dead flesh, the angel voice shall be heard speaking of better things to come—of self-sacrifice, of infinite self-sacrifice, of a love which knows no cruelty, and of a tenderness which knows no brutality."

"When the tiger within snarls and growls of the right of might, and of the ceaseless warfare by the strong over the weak, and of the bloody pages of the brutal past, the angel within shall touch the harp of celestial beauty, and shall bid man call out his best and his holiest, and shall sing of the paradise of the future."

The Holy Mystic Adepts with their mighty mystic power, given them by God, are destroying the tiger and driving him out of man so that the Angel of Love and Light may eternally dwell within.

In man, in religion, in society, or in the State, there is now no longer room for the Tiger. The day of the Tiger has gone for ever. We now live with God and the Angels. The sooner men realize this grand truth contained in this short story of the "Tiger or Angel," the sooner they will reach eternal peace, joy and happiness.

"From the carcass of the dead lion of yesterday there shall to-morrow be gathered honey sweeter than that of Hybla."

—*The Blissful Prophet.*

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Has made a late discovery to himself in which he has developed strong mental faculties and power to control the psychic faculties of the special senses. Scent, touch, taste, sight and hearing, the five special senses of the physical condition, have succumbed to the will and mind-power of myself. While I can control these senses psychically, or spiritually, and without any real means of exciting these special senses to control and action, I can, through simple Mind Control, produce the strongest scent, touch, taste, Mental Vision, or Clairaudient hearing and use of my Psychic faculties as though I were in use of the real senses in actual experience. The way I produce this control is by power of my mind to concentrate upon a thought for a few minutes. I become drowsy and begin to emerge into sleep, when this thought held in mind becomes as a great mental picture. At this point I am nearly to sleep, when this mental picture becomes as real as in a dream and begins to pass in succession various scenery of home, country and travels. I never go entirely to sleep, but remember myself enough all the while to control the nature of this vision and dream of the beautiful things as I choose to think the beautiful thoughts. Every one knows how dreams will control the sleeper so as to produce any and all of these Psychic faculties and make the dream seem to the sleeper the truest of reality until awakened. Just so it is that my Psychic faculties are controlled, only they are not controlled at random by unpleasant and hideous dreams, as I retain enough wakefulness and consciousness to make these dreams of the nature all the while that pleases and gives me great enjoyment. Thus my Psychic faculties experience the pleasant odor of flower garden while my thought and vision are of it, or I can dream and sense the touch of ice or hot iron as the mind controls or is controlled by the thought and I see the thought, and if I want to see a gun fired off I will hear the deafening sound, or be blinded by the thought of looking at the sunlight. I can taste the delicious fruit of the orchard in this dream, I become overwhelmed with joy as never experienced in physical conditions, or I can reverse the control of the dream and induce the nightmare, to experience the most terrible feelings one ever felt, all at will, through the mental vision and mind control when partly asleep. This practice has developed my Clairvoyant Sight, Clairaudient hearing, and my Psychometric powers in general. It has given me success in Mind Reading and Psychometry and diagnosing of diseases, and I can read past, present and future.

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One thing have I desired of the Lord; that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life to behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.—Ps. xxvii. 4.

EOMEST thou again in perplexity, O My child? I see that thy heart is heavy and thy brow troubled. Wait thou in the silence for a space and the Spirit of Peace will steal upon thee. Then will the tangled skein unwind and to thy mind's eye each thread be straightened and lead to its starting point.

Yea, the law of compensation is true. Thy confusion came from thy narrow view. Looking upon life as being but the span of a few years, thou hast thought to see the harvest of every thought or act in this earthly existence. Thou didst not look beyond and realize that in the soul soil in which the thoughts are planted the harvest might be uncounted years hence. If man, the soul, is that immortal being which thou believest, what canst thou know of his beginning or of his end, when, in truth, birth and death are only of the flesh and the flesh but the garment used by the soul for its convenience here on earth?

The fruit of thoughts and acts, sown in the hidden soil of aeons in the past, may bloom and fruit in the flesh to-day. Thoughts and acts to-day may bloom and fruit a thousand ages hence, so that when thou lookest upon life as birthless, deathless, timeless, thou canst not fairly judge of what thou seest in the flesh.

Thy heart was heavy because that one who worked for God and man, the old man whom thou knowest to have given so richly of his love and service and money and all that he possessed, was at the last unloved, uncared for and dependent on the hands of strangers even for his food and shelter. Thy mind grasped only this, that he had given lavishly of his good, and to thine eyes it had reaped its opposite, neglect and poverty. Thou didst begin to question even My wisdom, and thou wert moved to feel wroth with what thou felt to be an unjust, unrighteous law.

But ponder deeply, O My child, and thou wilt see beyond. The love, service, self-sacrifice, yea, all the good done, was wrought into the very soul of this one, enlarging, enriching and expanding its capacity for love and light. Thinkest thou that can be taken away, that which it hath gained, that all the rich, rare powers developed by love or service will e'er be blotted out? No. On to a glorious victory of larger opportunities, into an arena where greater service will be possible and greater good be accomplished, goeth the soul, which hath used its talents and wrought the works of righteousness. Perhaps the neglect, which seemeth to thee so piteous, is but the harvest of past seeds in former lives. Perhaps it was but to teach that soul that conditions could not mar or make the soul independent of them.

There are many things hidden from thee now, My child, which can only come through a greater influx of My light to thee. Man's horizon is bounded by that which his eyes see, and his being hath limitation, according to his consciousness of flesh, but My horizon hath no limit, O My child, for I am neither bound nor bounded. As thou comest oft into My temple, opening every avenue of thy being to commune with Me, thy mortal barriers of confusion shall be removed, and thou shalt see as I see and know as I know, according to the measure of thy oneness with Me. Be not troubled over anything thy eyes may look upon, but wait, come thou at once into the temple and be still.

Art thou now not comforted and canst thou not see how things of time and sense are not to be compared or measured by that which is above? With the flesh judgment thou seest in particles and parts. This will bring thee doubt and confusion until thou art illumined to realize and know the perfect Whole, which embraceth all the parts. Hast thou now an insight into the beauty of the law that giveth all eternity for its execution?

Hold fast in thy mind this truth, that nothing cometh without cause, that everything in human life is but the result of some thought or act preceding it. The flesh man, as thou seest him, is but the summing up of all his previous ages. He himself hath woven his garment, be it beautiful or ugly; he himself hath made his poverty or his abundance; he hath brought to himself environments, friends or enemies, according to the seed sown in the ages past. Thinkest this a hard saying? No harder than this, that the child must suffer the consequence of its ignorance of fire, just as surely as must the one of mature age.

All law is inexorable. If it is broken, its penalty cannot be escaped. Man must learn just as the child must learn, through experience. Seemeth this hard? It may when thou thinkest first, because thou wilt think as man thinks, but consider. Man must needs have free will in order to have happiness. He must, therefore, choose. If he chooseth wrongly, suffering will come to him. When he hath learned through experience to choose righteously, he will no longer be the slave of his ignorance.

There are many kinds of lessons, My child. There are those which pertain to the flesh, to the mind and to the soul. When thou hast learned concerning the two first and cometh to the third, the lessons of soul, the veil which hath been before thine eyes will be rent. Thou wilt come to know Me, and thou wilt look, as 'twere, with My eyes and know with My wisdom. Be not dismayed nor disheartened, if thou seemest held from knowledge. It will come to thee in the fullness of time and it will be sweet, and be unto thee as nourishing food and will make thee master of thyself, for this food which cometh from Me, O My child, is understanding. "Verily, it is more precious than rubies; it giveth length of days, riches and honor; it leadeth into ways of pleasantness and paths of peace."

Yet forget not that there are both seed time and harvest, that one involves the other, that thine eyes may look upon the fallow field, the bloom, and the fruition, but thy soul may know the timeless, deathless All-Perfect which weaveth into its flesh garments the diverse countless patterns of thoughts born of Time's delusions, while yet the soul sleepeth. In the awakening, when this deathless spirit cometh to know itself, time and ill, and poverty and sin, shall be no more. A higher Law will displace the old. Behold, all things shall be made new, even the garments of the soul, and the sowing and the reaping will be good.

—Lotu H. P. B. I. ✽

If you seek happiness in this world don't be a critic. You can get along very well without the critical faculty, but in case it is well-developed within you, use it upon yourself only. It is wonderful how willing we are to let criticism alone when we practice a little while upon ourselves. I speak from long experience when I say that criticism is usually but another name for intellectual conceit, and is a bad thing to have anything to do with. It is the blight of the home; it is the cancer of the heart. Look for the best in everything; we can all see the worst; look for the best and you'll find it.

Doctor Goodcheer's Remedy

FEEL all out of kilter, do you?
Nothing goes to suit you, quite?
Skies seem sort of dark and clouded,
Though the day is fair and bright?
Eyes affected—fail to notice
Beauty spread on every hand?
Hearing so impaired you're missing
Songs of promise, sweet and grand?

No, your case is not uncommon—
'Tis a popular distress;
Though 'tis not at all contagious,
Thousands have it, more or less;
But it yields to simple treatment,
And is easy, quite, to cure;
If you follow my directions,
Convalescence, quick, is sure.

Take a bit of cheerful thinking,
Add a portion of content,
And with both let glad endeavor
Mixed with earnestness be blent;
These with care and skill compounded
Will produce a magic oil
That is bound to cure if taken
With a lot of honest toil.

If your heart is dull and heavy,
If your hope is pale with doubt,
Try this wondrous Oil of Promise,
For 'twill drive the evil out.
Who will mix it? Not the druggist
From the bottles on his shelf;
The ingredients required
You must find within yourself.

—Success.

Josiah Oldfield, in *The Herald of the Golden Age*, says: "We must not blame the past, neither must we perpetuate the past, but remember that it is the duty of each age to take one upward step. Let us not forget the warning truth of the poet Lowell, that—

'New occasions teach new duties,
Time makes ancient good uncouth,
They must upward, onward ever,
Who would keep abreast of truth.'"

THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES has proved helpful to thousands of sincere, aspiring souls, and will continue to be more helpful to more souls each succeeding issue as it grows and grows in circulation. Its circulation is large and is growing and widening at a tremendous rate; it now circulates in all parts of the world.

BUILDING BONES.

Of Great Importance That Children Have Proper Food.

A child will grow up with weak and small bones or strong and sturdy frame, depending on the kind of food given.

That's why feeding the youngsters is of such great importance. The children do not select the food—the responsibility rests with the parent or guardian, or with you if you select the food for a boy or girl.

The scientific selection of this food should begin as early as possible. That's when the delicate little plant needs the tenderest care. A well-known lady of Calistoga, Calif., says: "About two years ago my little niece was taken sick. When medical aid was called one physician pronounced the case curvature of the spine; another called it softening of the bones and gave but little hope of her recovery. For weeks she had been failing before her parents thought it anything but trouble from her teething.

"She had been fed on mushes and soft foods of different kinds, but at last her stomach could retain scarcely anything. At this time she had become a weak little skeleton of humanity that could not much more than stand alone.

"The doctors changed her food several times until finally she was put on Grape-Nuts which she relished from the first and ate at almost every meal and her recovery has been wonderful. She has been gaining ever since in strength and weight.

"She has eaten dozens of packages of Grape-Nuts in the last year and a half and the child is now a rosy-cheeked and healthy little girl, still clinging to her Grape-Nuts.

"It is plain the food has saved her life by giving her body the needed material to keep it well and the bone material to build with." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

THE NOBLEST PRAYER

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.—*Psalms* II, 10.

WHAT a beautiful sentiment! What a sublime prayer! Prayer was never spoken or written more noble than this one. It says so much in so little. It does not employ the stilted language of an established ritual. It avoids opening with the usual countless appellatives of the Deity. Nor does it indulge in an almost interminable chain of reasoning. It is simple, and hence to the point; direct, and therefore forceful. Its language is everybody's vocabulary. Its thought is within the comprehension of all. The child, as well as the adult, may grasp its meaning. If men were only to adopt it as their regular petition addressed to God, as petition spoken by day and at night, abroad and at home, in public devotion and in private communion! The happiness which men seek in life is to be found in its fulfillment.

Few, very few, are the persons who realize this fact. Most people believe human happiness attainable by other means than the "clean heart" and the "right spirit," and believing this exert every energy toward the furtherance of such means. One man prizes health highest, and hence prays for it. Another regards wealth most desirable, and hence asks for it. Another considers learning most valuable, and hence sues for it. Another believes fame most precious, and hence petitions for it.

Deluded creatures, these! The specific blessings they crave are but single rays of the flood of light the soul needs for its earthly joy. Health may give endurance, wealth may furnish comfort, learning may bring recognition, and fame may yield power, and yet how insignificant a part endurance, comfort, recognition or power, or even the combination of all these advantages, play in that contentment which is the *sine qua non* of true happiness. And is it not also a fact that health, wealth, learning and fame are blessings which may become misfortunes in disguise? Men who have been given to abusing blessings such as these have been known to exist in every generation, and we may, with justice, hold the realization of their prayers accountable for the wretchedness to which they became reduced. They might have been happier had their prayers remained unanswered forever.

How very different the clean heart and the right spirit! Possess these and you own the sesame which opens the gates to eternal bliss. Your conscience is at ease. Your soul enjoys tranquillity. You are at peace with your fellows and at peace with your God. And should, in addition to the clean heart and the right spirit, health, wealth, learning or fame fall to your lot, you will never prove guilty of their abuse. You will know how to employ them in the elevation of self and the service of humanity.

We are not by any means overestimating the blessings of the clean heart and the right spirit. Seek to understand what the ancient Hebrews implied by "heart." The term "heart" connoted with them not only a vital organ of the body, but also the center of the soul life, the seat of the moral sense, the source of all lofty impulses. Is it any wonder, then, that an ancient Biblical philosopher should have said: "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life?" (*Proverbs* iv, 23.)

The man of clean heart is sure to be one whose soul is studded with the cardinal virtues of purity, honesty, righteousness, justice, benevolence, mercy and love. He holds God within himself and brings more of God into the world. Man is in this world for moral elevation, for spiritual upliftment, for godly unfolding. This and naught else is his mission. Let him therefore pray for the clean heart, sponsor for the execution of life's holy task.

And let him pray not only for the clean heart, but also, as the Psalmist puts it, for the "right spirit" in the sense of "firm spirit." Simply praying for the clean heart is of no avail. What man needs when he has implored God for this priceless gift is determination, resoluteness, self-control. The strength to resist temptation is the most important factor in the struggle for morals. Praying for a clean heart and pursuing wickedness will not only not make

man one iota better, but will make him contemptible in the eyes of God and his fellows. It should be remembered that man is to a great extent the master of his fates, and that the fault is not in his stars, but in himself, if he is given to godlessness. Self-control not only admits of, but actually requires, cultivation. No man has as yet failed in conquering his spirit who has made the effort. Nor has any one ever possessed moral strength without the careful schooling of the will. Moral men are not born. They are trained. What men possess at birth is potential godliness. What a blessing it is for man that he needs to co-operate with God in the granting of the wish which forms the burden of our sublime prayer! Those treasures are prized most for the acquirement of which men have to struggle, while treasures gotten without effort, as a rule, lose their value. Let every one pray for the creation of a clean heart and the renewal of the right spirit, for it is morality which counts for most in life, and resoluteness is the test of man's worthiness. "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might; let not the rich man glory in his riches." (*Jeremiah* ix, 23.) There is no health sounder, no wealth greater, no wisdom deeper, no glory higher than the clean heart.

An ancient Eastern legend tells that a merchant selling spices once went through the streets of a city crying: "Who wishes to purchase the balm of life?" A pious sage approached him and asked to see the balm, adding that he desired to live. The merchant replied: "Not on your account have I uttered my words. You need no such balm as I have for sale." When, however, the sage persisted to have the balm shown him the merchant opened the book of Psalms and pointed to the words: "What man is he that desireth life? Keep thy tongue from evil and thy lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil and do good." (*Psalms*, xxxiv, 13-14.)

Do you ever pray? I believe you do. Praying is natural with man. Religion is unthinkable without prayer, and religion is innate with every one of us. Therefore utter the prayer all of us should pronounce, the noblest prayer known to man: "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."—*William Rosenau, Ph.D., Rabbi of Eutaw Place Temple, Baltimore, Md.*

Rise Above It

By J. A. Edgerton

WHY become a slave to chance?
Why be crushed by circumstance?
Rise above it and advance
Over all adversity.
You're a king and can create
For yourself your own estate;
You are master of your fate;
You are free.

All of this is ancient lore,
Often has been said before,
But I'll tell it o'er and o'er,
Sing it to the heart of youth.
Howsoever long 'tis told,
'Tis a lesson never old,
For it bears a thread of gold—
It is truth.

Rise above the petty things
That would bind your spirit wings;
Hear the inner voice that sings
Songs of beauty all the while.
Drive the demon of despair
From your heart; and, free and fair,
Meet the broods of Grief and Care
With a smile.

Circumstances make us not:
Life is substance to be wrought
In the workshop of our thought;
We can mould it as we will.
All the hardships that affright,
If we brave them take their flight,
They are tests to try our might
And our skill.

Be not buffeted about
By the things that lie without;
Be not ruled by fear and doubt;
Dare to worship toward the dawn;
Dare believe in truth and right,
Dare to seek the higher light;
And the wisdom infinite
Follow on.

Spite of calumny and threat,
Dare to have a purpose set.
Keep it; and do not forget
You are monarch of your own.
Dare pursue, against the stream,
Your ideal and your dream.
Keep your soul a king supreme
On his throne.

God and Nature

THE really wise man—he who really knows that he does not know all, yet aspires to know all—is a merry soul. Such a soul accepts his place in the universe as a necessary part of it All, and calmly and serenely and merrily lives with God and Nature—not opposed to Divine Will or Nature.

Emerson says: "Your man of genius pays dear for his distinction." Genius is more or less mad, perverse, eccentric and erratic, and opposes at times God and Nature.

"Nature," continues Emerson, "is reckless of the individual. When she has points to carry, she carries them. To wade in marshes and sea-margins is the destiny of certain birds, and they are so accurately made for this that they are imprisoned in those places. Each animal out of its *habitat* would starve. To the physician, each man, each woman, is an amplification of one organ. A soldier, a locksmith, a bank-clerk, and a dancer could not exchange functions."

So, each soul works in that form, and exists on that plane to which it naturally and divinely belongs. It is obeying the call of God, consciously or unconsciously. Our progress and happiness and peace of mind depend entirely upon our realizing our true places and true relations in the Universe, and living fully and honestly in harmony with the Whole.

The merry soul readily adapts itself to any and all conditions and states in which it is placed, and thus in a little while is freed—absolutely freed—from the bondage of exacting Nature—it is at-one with God and beyond all Nature. Ultimately, each and every soul, by its inherent power, controls all Nature—external and internal Nature. By patiently and cheerfully working with and through Nature we get beyond her dominion into the higher and purer realm of Spirit. But if we oppose and force Nature we delay progress and at-one-ment—freedom.

In all religions and all philosophies of all ages man is taught to follow his "Call"—to faithfully and cheerfully and merrily do that which his hands find to do without thought of the fruits of his labor or work, or external motive. It is then we begin to become true and great workers—when we let the work choose us. "Do good and be good, and this will take you to whatever truth there is"—which means, be not idle, but do the work at hand. "He works best who works without any motive power," says the Hindu Adept. Work for love, and because it is thy duty to work, and because it will do good to the Whole, and is natural and divine.

Adapt thyself to Nature if thou wouldst know the God.

Be a wise and merry soul in harmony with God and Nature and not a discord in the symphony of Life.

Accept thy place in the Universe as a god and not as a whimpering, whining ingrate.

Man is partial and not whole (holy) as long as he is not conscious of his true relation to the WHOLE—his oneness with all that exists in the Universe. The soul is shut up and imprisoned and compressed and limited as long as its mind and its will exclude it from "the great world of God's cheerful, fallible men and women." The holy man loves all beings, because he realizes that all manifestations of life are one; he has moved along on the great path of Divine Evolution where his eyes are opened to the full blaze of the light of Truth, and he sees clearly—he is a SEER. He sees only *Existence*, eternal existence—Oneness.

Progress and happiness depend on patience and how much we are contented with our portion out of the Whole, and how cheerfully and willingly and truly we live and act our parts of Life. When the mind ceases to seek for honor, fame, glory and wealth, the soul begins to attract the real good of the Universe—the universal and everlasting all-good. Then we have permanently, without effort, all honor, all fame, all glory and all wealth, because the soul, when not clouded by the fumes and vapors of an anxious and worldly attached mind, is the greatest magnet in the universe to attract and hold all the beneficent powers of the Universe.—*The Blissful Prophet.*

Man is the creator and sustainer of his habits. They have no power except that which he has given them, and they may become his master.

Principles of Divine Government

PHYSICAL, ORGANIC, AND MORAL LAWS

By
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WHEN the just, upright and truth-loving suffer from poverty, sickness and other afflictions, while the vicious and depraved enjoy health, wealth and prosperity, and spread themselves like "green bay trees," the unthinking man or woman questions the justice of the Divine government. Daily are these heard to say: "Why has God sent upon me this affliction or that punishment or loss or disappointment?"

For the better understanding of this disparity in the human family, A. J. Davis recommends less knowledge of the laws of Moses and more of the laws of Nature. He classes the principles of the Divine government into laws, Physical, Organic and Moral, and defining the relation of these principles to each other he writes:

"The Physical laws are those principles which control the forms and general phenomena of the external world. They govern outer circumstances, and also, to a considerable extent, the material organism of man. These Physical laws are, in modern works on Natural Philosophy, termed combustion, decomposition, cohesion and gravitation. These laws are fixed and invariable; operating with as much precision and potency in one department of creation as another.

"The organic laws relate to all physiological or functional forms of matter. They differ from the physical laws in this: They relate exclusively in their sphere of manifest operations to all organized matter, such as possess forms, forces and motions. They refer particularly to man, to the material department of his nature and his physical health; harmony and happiness depend to a great degree upon the uninterrupted operation of these laws in his personality.

"The Moral laws come into action exclusively upon the highest plane of Creation. They have strict reference to reasonable, intelligent, moral or spiritual beings. They fix the sentiment of justice in the soul; the inherent consciousness of Right and Wrong—the feeling of having duties to discharge and moral obligations to observe. The Moral law is active only in the human mind. It is paramount in importance to every other law; hence it is implanted in the mental constitution of man, like the tree of knowledge in the fabled Garden of Eden.

"Now, inasmuch as man is constructed upon physical, organic and moral principles, which are fixed and invariable, it follows that his happiness depends upon his obedience to these laws; that to disobey and disregard their positive requirements is to be deformed and miserable. Obedience invariably brings with it its own reward; disobedience its appropriate punishment. Or, to speak strictly philosophical, every action is succeeded by its natural, legitimate consequences. The government of God, therefore, may be said to rest, so far as it relates to mankind, upon physical, organic and moral laws; and that all rewards and punishments, all penalties and chastisements flow, not from any volition or special interposition of Deity, but from the obedience or disobedience of these established laws by man. Hence it is within man's power to be either happy or miserable. The means of happiness lie about and within him, to use which as his wisdom and nature demand; and the Deity never sends from Heaven any rewards for good deeds nor punishments for bad ones; because His laws are sufficiently perfect to punctually administer happiness or misery to the obedient or disobedient creature, and always in strict harmony with the extent of the fidelity to, or with the magnitude of the transgression of, these universal and inexorable principles. This philosophy, as you probably perceive, is based upon Nature; not upon the doctrines inculcated in the Book of Job. According to this philosophy of the government and punishments of God, there is never any occasion for special or mysterious providences or Divine dispensations. The laws of Nature are adequate to all rewards and just punishments. * * *

"The Physical law relates, as I before said, to the material or external world; also to the corporeal organism of human

beings. And it will be seen that this law cannot be infringed upon without an appropriate and corresponding amount of punishment. If a man should throw himself from the top of a tree he would most certainly fall to the earth and receive the legitimate consequences of his violation of the physical law. In obedience to this law, a stone thrown into the air will return to the earth. In obedience to this law, the sun, the moon, the stars revolve and travel through the bending skies without interfering with each other or the earth. In obedience to this law, the flowers unfold upward, the dews ascend to form rain, and the rain descends to moisten the earth. In accordance with this law, the whole universe is maintained in state of eternal equilibrium.

"Now, a perfectly righteous man, so far as the organic and moral laws are concerned, is not exempt from the legitimate workings of this law. Should the Angel Gabriel himself, in a physical body, walk over the Niagara Falls, he would experience a severe fall or loss of outer life, because simply he had violated the physical law which governs the equilibrium and relation of all things. Nor would it make any difference in the magnitude of the punishment had he known the consequences before experiencing them; neither would he suffer less if he had violated the law by accident, for the consequences which succeed the transgression of the physical law are visited alike upon man or animal, saint or sinner; because it does not refer to the moral law, hence is never attended with moral punishments. A tree, stone, beast or man would be rewarded or punished in a similar manner by obedience or disobedience to this physical principle. * * *

"The Organic law determines the relation between animate and inanimate—between those things which are and those things which are not in a state of functional organization. In obedience to this law an organized body placed in a bed of burning coals would soon experience disorganization as a consequence of the violation. And every creature, whether animal or human, would receive precisely the same effect if preceded by a similar transgression. The fool and the philosopher would alike decompose in a perfectly heated furnace; so would each experience the legitimate consequences of taking an overdose of cicuta or any other poison. Here you perceive the moral law does not come into action; for the man and beast are alike treated under the operation of the physical and organic laws, and always in proportion to the extent of the obedience or disobedience or infringement. Again, if a man places himself in harmony with the organic law, he is certain of corresponding happiness. But if he should place himself out of harmony with these laws, and become intemperate in his diet, exercise, and in the gratification of the lower propensities, he would experience pain and bodily disease, although at the same time he may be the most religious and philanthropic person in the world. * * *

"The Moral law refers particularly to the mind. It gives birth to all ideas of duty, of right and wrong, of individual responsibility. A man is always punished in proportion as he infringes upon his sense of right, although this sense may be partially developed or altogether, and in some educational. A wild animal, having no connection whatever with the moral law, may destroy a large number of human lives without experiencing the least disturbance of mind; but a man, having the law written upon his nature, 'Thou shalt not kill,' should he destroy an equal number of human beings, will certainly suffer internally to a degree proportionate to the extent of his convictions of right and wrong.

"Those who do not know how to reason upon the principles of the Divine government are always in the dark as to the mysterious providences and dispensations of Deity. To such persons the world is replete with the mysteries of godliness, and the ways of God to man are dark and unsearchable. They cannot understand why—admitting this philosophy of rewards and punishments to be correct—why the good and pious man is frequently afflicted with

pains and bodily diseases, while the evil and blasphemous person is as frequently in the enjoyment of perfect health. The problem of the success of the bad man when the good man fails is yet unsolved in many minds. But I perceive no mystery in the matter, because I have learned to discriminate between the physical, organic and moral laws. There are none absolutely righteous. One man may set at defiance all the requirements of the moral law, but that same man may live perfectly consistent with the requirements of the physical and organic laws, and consequently, while he is deprived of internal peace and delight, he would enjoy all the legitimate results of his obedience to the lower laws of his being in the form of physical health and organic vigor. Another man may disregard all the requirements of the physical and organic laws; may eat too much, too fast, too often, may exercise too little or too much, may be intemperate in various ways, but he is, notwithstanding, very honest, pious and hospitable—obeys the Ten Commandments—does not "walk in his garden on the Sabbath, but reverently to and from meeting," and yet he is, perhaps, like the Poet Job, laboring under severe bodily affliction. Disease has laid its ruthless hand upon him; he is deprived of many physical and intellectual comforts, and were this person a clergyman he would probably say: 'The arrows of the Almighty are within me, the poison whereof drinketh up my spirit; the terrors of the Lord do set themselves in array against me.'

"Now, many people fail to perceive the equity of the administration of rewards and punishments in the case of these two individuals; hence argue the necessity of future retribution. But a little reflection will make this matter very plain. One man is diseased because he is suffering the consequences of violating the physical and organic laws of being; the other man is perfectly healthy because, although he constantly violates the moral laws, he keeps the lower laws of his nature free from any description of infringement. So the moral man suffers from physical transgressions, and the physical man suffers from moral transgressions. There cannot be any confusion in the operation of these laws; they operate, to a certain extent, independently of each other, and always with the most positive and perfect justice.

"A man is certain to reap whatever he sows. These laws 'render unto every man according to his deeds' in the present state of existence. If he sows the grain in Hartford, he reaps the harvest in Hartford—not in New York or Boston. And if he 'sows wild oats,' he is certain never to get wheat in return! Thus it is that justice is exercised toward every man in the general providence of God.

"It is sometimes asked: 'How can the man be punished in this life who has committed every species of outrage, who has crimsoned the ocean waters with the blood of hundreds of good, pious and virtuous men?' My response to this question is very plain. First, the man has transgressed the moral law, hence, if punished at all, he must of necessity receive a moral punishment. Second, his punishment must be in exact proportion to his inward consciousness or condemnation of wrong; the consequence of his moral transgression will, in other words, be visited upon him according to the consciousness of the transgression.

"You now ask: 'Is this all the punishment so wicked a man receives?' In reply I am impressed to reaffirm that the laws of Nature are so perfectly arranged, and so positively certain in their operations, that no person can escape the legitimate consequences of his actions, be they good or evil, but some persons oppose what they term 'facts' to this theory and say: 'There are individuals who suffer more in committing a petty larceny than others do in murdering their fellow-beings. And, again, some men suffer severely in committing the first murder, but the second crime is less thought of, and the third is committed with apparent pleasure.'

"True, here seems a difficult problem to solve by the foregoing philosophy; but it is merely a seeming difficulty. I think we should judge not according to appearances, but with a 'righteous judgment.' If you could see into the hidden nature of that wicked man you would recognize the nature of his punishment—the consequences or penalties of his crimes, all distinctly written, not by an angel in the skies upon a book in the courts of Heaven, but by the angel of his heart, upon his moral constitution. * * *

"You will all acknowledge, I think, that the finest, most harmonious minds are capa-

ble of the highest, most heavenly enjoyments. The best ear catches the best sounds; the clearest eye sees the most beautiful things; the soundest body enjoys the most material existence, and the keenest moral faculties receive the most perfect happiness. And you will also acknowledge the plain fact that he who impairs his physical health not only suffers pain, but is also deprived of much physical happiness; so likewise he who disturbs the harmony or blunts the sensibility of his moral system, not only experiences the immediate results of the shock, but also impairs his ability to enjoy the highest happiness of the inward spirit.

"Suppose, for illustration, you place your finger in contact with the fire. According to organic law, disorganization of the parts would ensue. The textures and nerves would lose their normal properties, and the infringement would be attended with intolerable pain. Now, if you should repeat this act frequently, the work of disorganization would be terminated, and insensibility of the part would follow. You will perceive that the pain is the smallest portion of the punishment. You may now place the same finger in the fire with perfect impunity—without pain. But the maximum portion of the punishment consists in the loss of the finger; consists in your inability to use it pleasantly as you did previous to the transgression.

"Suppose, again, you violate the organic law by the immoderate use of spirituous liquors. At first your punishment consists in languor, headache, sickness, and so on; but by a frequent repetition of these organic transgressions, the same quantities of these liquors may be taken without producing any sensible effect. You continue the practice without suffering as you first did; therefore the question now arises, 'How is the transgressor punished according to his deeds?' He is punished, I reply, in the diminution of his enjoyment. True, there is some enjoyment in the uncontrolled gratification of the animal propensities, but that enjoyment is the same that the brute experiences—it is low, bestial and miserable! Thus he is punished in proportion to the magnitude of the offenses.

"Suppose, again, you turn a pirate. You are cruel, dishonest and blasphemous. You set at defiance all the requisitions of the moral law, and in the exercise of your power you destroy a fellow-being. 'In the heat of the contest' you care nothing as to the act. But when a quiet hour arrives the horrors of that deed look you boldly and accusingly in the face. Your sufferings are intense; but you blunt your sensibility by alcohol and soon forget the first murder in the second; this in a third, and so you become used to horrors and murders and care very little about them.

"Now the question is, 'How is this man adequately punished for his manifold transgressions of the moral law?' I answer, he is punished by a moral loss, or by being positively deprived of those exquisite enjoyments which constitute the heavenly state. The proper development and exercise of the moral faculties and powers constitute the happiness of Heaven. But the pirate is in a low, negative state; his enjoyments, at best, are but bestial, and he sustains the great calamity of an impaired or undeveloped nature.

"But even this punishment would be easily sustained were it not for the fact that this life is but the commencement of an endlessly progressive existence! A man might 'sear his conscience' by habitual crime—might indulge in the ungoverned gratification of his own animal inclinations—might reduce to that of the brute, but the consequences of his transgressions do not cease with the act of transgressing. Here is the important point. Here we must continue to be philosophical. The consequences which follow the violation of the physical or organic laws generally cease with this life; but the superior law—the moral law—the higher law—that which transcends all other laws—lives immortal in the human soul! If a man violates his moral sense before he sleeps, he will certainly feel the consequences thereof on the following morning. Nor does it make any difference within him whether on the morning he awakens on earth or in the Spiritual World! He takes the record of his moral violation with him—on his moral constitution, and when he becomes fully awakened to his condition in the Spirit Land, he readily perceives and feels the legitimate consequences of his deeds, whether good or evil. He sees and feels that his punishment consists in the small degree of happiness which at the time he is only capable of enjoying. He sees and feels that he has

neglected to develop and improve his moral and religious faculties, and that, in the same proportion, he is punished by being deprived of those high happinesses with which the morally just are constantly blessed!

"The science of man's whole nature," says George Combe, 'animal, moral and intellectual, was never more required to guide him than at present, when he seems to wield a giant's power, but in the application of it to display the ignorance, selfishness, wilfulness and absurdity of an overgrown child.'

"History has not yielded half her fruits, and cannot yield them until mankind shall possess a true theory of their own nature. Many persons believe that they discover evidence against the moral government of the world in the success of individuals not greatly gifted with morals and intellect, in attaining to great wealth, rank and social consideration, while men of far superior merit remain in obscurity and poverty; but the solution of this difficulty is to be found in the consideration that success in society depends on the possession, in an ample degree, of the qualities which society needs and appreciates, and that these bear reference to the state in which society finds itself at the time when the observation is made.

"In the savage and barbarous conditions, bodily strength, courage, fortitude and skill in war lead a man to the highest honors; in a society like modern England commercial or manufacturing industry may crown an individual with riches, and great talents of debate may carry him to the summit of political ambition. In proportion as society advances in moral and intellectual acquirements, it will make larger demands for similar qualities in its favorites.

"The reality of the moral government of the world appears from the degree of happiness which individuals and society enjoy in these different states. If unprincipled commercial and political adventurers were happy in proportion to their apparent success, or if nations were as prosperous under the dominion of reckless warriors as under that of benevolent and enlightened rulers, or if the individuals who compose a nation enjoyed as much serenity and joy of mind when they advanced the bold, selfish and unprincipled to places of trust and power, as when they choose the upright, benevolent and pious, the dominion of a just Creator might well be doubted. But the facts are the reverse of these."

"For physical happiness, obey the physical laws; for organic happiness, obey the organic laws; for moral happiness, obey the moral laws; but let it be remembered that one set of these laws cannot be violated without, to some extent, disturbing the peace of the economy of life. The moral law holds a superiority over every other law, and this is the most important principle for every man to obey."

The Grumbler

Don't press your little troubles on the friend you chance to meet;

Don't complain about the weather, of the cold or of the heat.

You are better off, most likely, than the man you're talking to;

Then bottle up your woes, my friend, whatever else you do.

He, too, has many sorrows, so don't bother him with yours;

The man who grumbles all the time's the very worst of bores.

I have known devout "believers" who would set out in the spring.

And tell the Lord the weather wasn't just the proper thing;

That the crop would fail most certain lest He made it thus and so.

And still the wheat and rye came on and corn grew in the row.

The Lord paid no attention, but just ordered it His way.

And then the last of August they were harvesting their hay.

So let this be a lesson, when your troubles multiply;

They are ripening a harvest and you'll reap it by and by.

Your woes are necessary as the storms in summer time.

And to grumble, grumble, grumble is but little less than crime.

Ev'ry thing is wisely ordered by the One who knows the best.

Then do all you can in reason and the Lord will do the rest.

—Isabel Richy.

Spiritual Healing

IN a few simple and comprehensive sentences are here given the principle of Spiritual Healing.

The Holy Spirit can heal disease if we know how to hold our *selecs*—our souls—in relation to it.

To be whole (holy) we must be both positive and negative—positive in closing our minds to all fear, doubt, bigotry, intolerance and superstition, and negative and receptive (in the Silence) to the Higher Powers—God, the Holy Spirit and the Holy Angels.

This is the way to live in the Spirit, and to attain to strength and power and the Most High.

A great Soul says: "This hour is the soul's opportunity. Spirit is a substance having two poles or gates. To live in health it is only necessary to keep the gate closed which opens downward into the realm of shadows and unrest, to be always positive in that direction, and negative always upward toward the source of all Life, which we never can exhaust—the unfailing everlasting fountain of strength, of power and wholeness. 'Walk in the Spirit.'"

Close thy lower mind to pessimism.

Open thy higher mind to optimism.

Learn to be thoughtless, calm and serene at times, thus permitting, while in this negative or receptive state, the Great God to thrill thee with His soothing and healing and strengthening vibrations.

PRAY!

LISTEN!

OBEY!

Know that thou art an eternal soul with a body, and *not* a body with a soul.

Live less on the plane of Thought and more in the realm of Spirit.

"We are all component parts of a Perfect Unit." Health and Strength and Power and Joy and Bliss are ours when we fully live in the Spirit—realizing that we are everlasting souls, uncreated, and not physical bodies.

What can hurt or disturb the soul? It is the *mind* that suffers through its own false thinking.

The soul *cannot* be sick; neither can it be created or lost. *It is.* Dis-ease is the effect of the mind dwelling in the body rather than in the soul—the Spirit.

Come, my adored God! Come, and rouse my mind to its true relation to me, the eternal self. Say to my unruly mind: obey thy King and Master, *Spirit*, and then I will be whole.

A great soul never condemns nor criticises the actions of any fellow-soul.

Each hour is a resurrection hour to the aspiring soul.

Some day, some time, we will cease to see either good or bad—only Eternal Progress.

Man takes on a cheerful and happy tone when he begins to live in the Spirit.

I love the Now, for it is so real; the past has gone forever; the future I am sure of.

O Blessed God! I thank Thee that Thou didst give me a hopeful mind.

The soul seeks not—it draws and attracts all good; indeed, is all good. "Thy lot or portion of Life is seeking after thee; therefore be at rest from seeking after it." It is the restless mind that seeks afar for that which is ever near—Truth and Bliss. It is in our quiet, silent and non-seeking moments that we are sought by the great God, and united with Him.

If thou dost stumble and fall, fear not, for that is only a temporary incident, and often a helpful one, of thy going onward, forward and upward to the realm of Eternal Joy and Bliss.

Nothing can make thee calm, serene and peaceful but thy *self*—the soul.

Who has more soul than I masters me, though he should not raise his finger.—Emerson.

All living forms are animated and sustained by the same eternal love Force. "All men have my blood, and I have all men's," would sound better if we put it, "All living forms have my life, and I have all the life there is."

If thou art false to thy *self*, thou wilt be false to the Whole.

REFINEMENT BY SPIRIT

By AQUILLA RICHARDS
Written Especially for
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THE question that presents itself to an inquiring mind is: Is not all matter a gradation of spirit substance? We are prone to classify matter as one thing and spirit as another, when, in reality, we have no right, upon the basis of logical deduction, to do so.

For the purpose of this article we will consider spirit as a form of matter; and we must therefore endow it for the present, then, with being a mode of motion capable of expressing energy, developing heat, contracting under cold, and expanding in its tenuity like the denser form of substance that can be handled by touch and observed by the eye in this condition. We cannot disprove the association of spirit and matter. Will it be easier to prove their association? Let us see! But let us understand that the proof of any proposition lies in the fact of having *proper relations* of the conditions brought under comparison; and if we can show a fixed relation of spirit to matter, the proof is there, though we may not be able to discern the spirit side. The object of the illustration which will follow is to show that *all* matter is but a form of gradation; that we are at the coarser end in this existence, and that this gradation can extend out beyond us to a continued subtlety that reaches beyond the conception of matter as we see and know it here; but it is matter, none the less.

Let us take an iron bar a foot long and one inch thick; and we will presume (for the demonstration) that this bar can be revolved in front of us at right angles to its longest axis, by some power that would have no limit; the bar to revolve in front of us as we would take a pencil between the fingers of both hands and hold it in front of us and turn it. A very simple illustration, apparently, with which to prove the gradation of matter. But let us see where it leads us to! The bar as presented is sensible to our touch, shows color when we look at it, can be heard to give out a note if struck, is without odor if clean, and would produce a metallic taste if touched with the tongue. Such are its conditions if we observe it in this state of matter.

Now, we will begin to revolve it—at first, slowly; then accelerate its speed of revolution. As it begins to revolve, we place the hand upon it, and find that it is cool; but as the speed increases, the bar begins to gather heat, and its temperature rises. Now we revolve it faster and faster, and watch the changes—its speed ever increasing at every revolution. It gets hotter at every turn, and finally begins to glow, and a painful sensation is now the result of touching the bar. But as it gets hotter, and increases still the speed of its revolution, it begins to give out a dull, low note. This note now begins to rise with the increasing speed. But another change is observed. The color of the bar has changed also. From being at first a dark gray, it has assumed a bright red hue. In this state it is giving out heat, color and sound. Already the conditions of the bar have materially changed. But we still speed up its revolutions, and under the possibilities of the assumption first made, it must endlessly continue to gather speed. The changes in its condition, which at first appear moderate, and well within the range of the observation of our senses, now become more violent. The dull, cherry-red glow gives place to other colors of the spectrum, as the heat becomes higher and the wave lengths of light shorter, and every whirl on its axis adds the approach of a succeeding wave color greater in number of vibrations to the second than the previous one. The dull, musical hum also has risen in the treble until a note of a high pitch has taken the place of it. Now, at this point the bar is changed from every inherent condition which characterized it before it started on its endless revolution. But we can still touch it, see it, and hear its musical tone. At this point let us inquire why we can hear it, see it, and be sensible to touching; for these answers must constitute something of our conclusions. We are sensible to touch because the nerves are competent to be vibrated by contact with substances of certain densities; we can see because waves of light within certain ranges will affect the optic nerve (vibrate it). We can hear because waves of air within certain ranges will

affect the nerves of the ear (vibrate them). Now, we turn our attention again to the revolving iron rod with its accelerated speed, and find it has taken on the color of violet, the highest color that can be seen by the normal, and the sound, which was of a high pitch and musical, has become a shrill note, that no longer produces harmony to the ear. Now mark the final change which will appear! Suddenly the bar disappears from sight, the note ceases to be heard, and it cannot be felt. A remarkable state of facts for the physical senses to contemplate! But the bar is there, nevertheless. It has simply passed out of the range of physical observation, because it has acquired a rate of vibration beyond our ability in this state to appreciate. But the revolutions on its axis, being still increased by limitless power, will soon turn the iron into a revolving mass of gases, which in like manner must be decomposed or separated into finer substance, because of the limitless energy impelling their rotation.

Give us a higher rate of vibration in our existence here, and we can see wonders and stranger things than are dreamed of in the philosophy of Horatio. We would then cease to question the wisdom of woe, or the satisfied smile of the fool who knows not the law that gave him birth under a low order of vibration; and we could lift the dull note of his intellectual mass chord to that pitch that would bring unseen beauties to his wondering gaze. The revolving iron bar, with its ever and ever changing colors, as it speeded higher into the limitless tenuity of matter, would be a plaything for his master reason to decipher, instead of a confused mass of color and form, to flit upon his fancy as a foolish foible.

If we but remember that the energy of any soul is as limitless as that soul, we could give intellectual and spiritual rotation an impetus that would ever present new beauty to every increased vibration, and the law of matter would be but the law of spirit for all the purposes and demands of an eternity of existence. Whether the two ever touch each other would matter but little to us as long as the desire for knowledge could be satisfied upon the plane of one, with the other ever stepping away from us as we approached, but still leaving its vibrations to harmonize our thoughts and bodies in the ever outward search for the resting-place of both. The power that drives the mighty engines is an invisible substance called steam; but because we cannot see it, makes it none the less effective for our purposes and needs. It is possible, bold as the assertion may seem, to establish a mathematical equation between spirit and matter; and when Laplace formulated his theory of nebulae, it was nothing less than the balance of matter on one side to Law on the other; and the Law (or the Spirit) was as *intangible* to him as the quill pen that formulated the Law was *tangible* to his touch. If thought is substance, which we have good reason to believe is the fact, then it must come under that same law that gives energy to spirit as well as matter; and if thought is subservient to this energy, then it complies with the conditions of rotation imbedded in matter, and is itself a rotating substance which the will directs. And if it has rotation, it has direction, and that function implies motion, and motion implies friction; and if the deduction is correct, then thought has color according to the intensity of its motion or rotation; and therefore, if properly directed, will give out heat, color and light, as the iron bar does in *this* form of matter. If our reasoning be correct, then what is the difference between the rotating mass of iron and the rotating mass of thought substance, except that one be finer than the other? The range of action of the iron bar is limited to visual observation here of a piercing stare called an eye, while the range of thought can sweep around a curve in its rotation so great that luminous orbs whose light takes 500 years to reach us are but recording points along the arc of its travel. Every time that spirit makes an effort in matter it produces light by the fact of this attempted rotation. Whether it whirls into matter under self-consciousness, or whether it produces consciousness by contact with matter, we know not. It is incessant in its attack, destroying the harmonies which we build in matter, and refining them by rotation until they give out the wholesome colors of elevated

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thought in their departure from the gross waves that emanate from gross matter.

It is a question, well to ask, if matter itself is not being refined by this rotation of spirit? The distant star that rises to the view at stated periods of time never meets the vision in the same place; our earth never occupies the same place at any given point of time, while it is driven around its endless orbit, under the impelling force that commands it to rotate and revolve. It cannot go back whence it started, and there being no limit to space, it must ever go on to seek that destiny that controls its path. But matter, no more than thought, can always give out the same vibrations as a constant. The music of its note must rise higher, to keep in accord with the spirit energy dependent upon it for its uses. Worlds grow as a child grows! The rotating process of spirit lifts the man out of his shell of matter in this form and carries him to a higher state of matter; the same Power gives a limit of usefulness to the rotundity of a planet by the destruction of its form, and beckons its quivering elements along higher planes of light to be kissed by their higher waves of force and gently welcomed into higher affinities, for the production of higher life, higher love and higher labor. A high order of spirit cannot act on a low order of matter. One or the other must travel out of its normal course, and to prevent this rupture, both must ever advance, and advancement means but the refinement of both. As a part of the All Spirit, we are consciously or unconsciously refining matter by the thought we send into matter. The mother can impart the configuration of beauty and love to the face and form of the child whose pouting lips are to nestle against her own in the idle slumber of growth; and the impelling thought of loveliness given it which nature wove with patient task will make that body the fit habitation of the beautiful and the good, or the unfit dwelling place of either.

As we think, so we build! Every elevated thought makes a higher circle in the expression of spirit, and its waves roll out with gorgeous beauty along the landscape of some far-off eternity, to be witnessed as light and form by those who have entered higher spheres. Every conception of depravity bends the arc of that same wave to conditions that unfit minds have built, as an added horror to its gloomy pictures, and hangs with thickened heaviness over the efforts of the unholy to lift themselves into the sunlight of those realms that are ever ready to welcome them. Every thought is a picture in spirit matter rotating around some unseen axis, and ever extending until its waves are lost in the ocean of eternal matter. They may ascend to heights and harmonies so great that their beauty can little be dreamed of by the one who gives them birth, or their thick rotation may be but a weight to their ascension.

While it is well for us to know matter, it is better to know thought. A greater knowledge of thought lifts the mind to that point where it can reason into matter and not out of matter. The revolving bar of iron, with its emanations of sound and light, can be resolved by deduction back into the atoms that compose it, and the same thought can weave new beauties out of its revolving molecules, from which to learn the lessons of cause and effect that reach from spirit into matter.

If spirit be a form of matter, we are then simply learning the more of spirit; and being of spirit, we are simply learning the more of ourselves.

As the mother can mold the configuration of her offspring, so can we refine the matter of our make-up, until the face of the felon becomes the countenance of benignity; the leering eye of passion the gentle abode of a trustworthy love; the ferocity of anger a smile of welcome; the cruelty of oppression the outflung hand of charity; and the darkness of degradation the light of the enlightened.

If science teaches us that the revolving bar is only a thing of itself, because we cannot see the thought or the spirit that develops its waves of heat and light, then let us find another science with less orthodoxy, whose mathematics will blend the law of reasoning with the law of loving, and can show us the equation of balancing the effort of spirit to the conforming of matter to its beauties and its bounties. There is a harmony between spirit and matter that the Calculus of Newton need never attempt to solve, and one ennobling thought well directed into matter will go deeper and wider for the donor than the astute astrology of Ptolemy or the wise deductions of

Copernicus. Science can calculate the waves of light that fall upon the eye as they are translated to spiritual conception, but can it see the landscape figured in the brain? Spirit can do both! Then let us reason into matter from the spirit side. Let us tell the scientist to leave his domain of dull conclusions for a realm of Infinite Cause, where spirit can endow matter with such beauty and form that the genius of the astronomer would be lost in his amazement at its conception; where the rotation of spirit can be sent around an orbit he little dreams of, and where the solitude of empty space is a picture of such grand dimension that mortal eye can never hope to see but its part. In that depth that seems eternal darkness to the coarser vision lie realms that we can never hope to fathom. The spiritual body of the soul can bathe in its limpid waters and be refreshed by waves of light and color beyond the scope of mortal conception. If beauty there be, it is still the beauty of spiritual nature, where the energy of motion is too fleeting for the mathematics of coarser nature, and where the refinement of matter is perfected in the great circle of rotation by spirit. Then let us keep the arc of thought so high it may reflect in our intellectual and spiritual dome rays of light so high in their order that the rainbow of promise is but a faint observation of loveliness in the great sky of the eternal soul.

In conclusion; matter by intellectual or spiritual energy becomes refined;—the bar eventually under the very law of rotation becomes a gas; and the body whose function is the bidding of the spirit will eventually not know that its coarser state was repugnant matter.

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In a while peoples like the Russians, Germans and Spanish will want to make alliances with the United States, if not come in under the great Concretional Government. Hindu adepts say that India and China in time will be a part of this great Concretional Government.

It is significant that the English Language is growing and spreading at such a wonderful rate. Ultimately, it is to be the universal language of this planet. In a while the United States will be filled with the greatest universities in the world, which will attract scholars from all countries of the world, especially from the Oriental Countries.

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This strenuous world's a continuous whirl,
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Make a business of knowing yourself, which means coming into a knowledge of this kingdom within you.

Jesus said to idle questioners, "Know ye not that I must be about My Father's business?" This "business" was the spreading of the truth or gospel concerning this kingdom within.

We are all God's children in different states of progression, and creatures of perpetual unfoldment; and we will progress and unfold only as we come into a recognition and understanding of our own true nature, by looking to the God within the kingdom of our own being. Faith and hope are the keys that will unlock the kingdom within—Faith in God and His power to work in and through you; Hope—the watchword of the optimistic soul who sees good as the ultimate condition that must come to all God's children.

Our thoughts are the executive power of this kingdom of God, and when we have come into a realizing sense of the power of our thoughts and the influence they have upon our life for good or ill, we will be able to experience the substance of what Jesus taught when he said: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all else will be added unto you."—Mrs. W. F. Rockwell.

My poor brother, you are not a slave to any man, rich or poor. If you spend your life slaving for a brother, it is not because your brother holds you in bondage; but it is because you are in the "bonds of iniquity"—the thralldom of false belief. You believe that you must have many things which you do not need. There are thousands of necessities which you believe in, which are not necessities at all. You believe that if you do not live in a certain style that you are humiliated, and the sneer of the proud cuts you deeply. The almost infinite multiplication of the wants of what is called respectable life and our foolish belief in these wants are the factors which give money its power over us.

Leaving the past behind, asking no praise, pay, or reward, submitting ourselves to the grand law of the world, turning the way of faith and hope, giving ourselves to the nearest present duty, asking ourselves only what does right or truth or love bid, we thus enter into the joyful life of the children of God.—Charles F. Dole.

Karma

From The Esoteric

We have never a grief, a single pain
That we have not deserved:
Sorrow and sin could never touch this life
If we had never swerved.
In other life, from what we knew was best,
This thing we call our cross
Is but the load of all we might have done:
We've made our every loss!

We have never a joy we have not earned,
A crown we have not won;
Each bit of happiness is our reward
For some good we have done.
We have never a love that was not ours
Before this mortal birth.
We never hope for that which has not been
Our lot upon this earth.

And thus we live each day what we have been.

Our happiness or pain
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Listen to the voice within, in the Silence, if you aspire to be a good and great worker—an earnest and calmly enthusiastic worker.

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With this grand truth always before us we should earnestly aspire to live in the spirit and be free from the limitations of a narrowed zone of action.

Listen to the Eternal Words of Life: Love God fervently and aspire to become a co-worker with Him—a cheerful, willing, loving worker for the good of the Whole.

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—Howard.

Every truly great poet and philosopher has developed a consciousness of this same truth.

There is a reason for the power of literature on the sick-bed in leading men to forget their pain and live in another world than that which seems to surround them. Medicine cannot effect this. We administer drugs faithfully, but the patient groans and tosses the night long. Even the most sympathetic nurse too often finds all power of soothing useless. Every conscious moment brings up images of misery and of dread. What is needed is that the patient should be taken out of the actual into an ideal world where his imagination may be stirred and roused into a new relationship with his surroundings. The great writer is a really good physician, a physician of the body and the mind. Little did Shakespeare or Scott or Dickens dream of the diffused power that would radiate from their works and lighten up the mind of countless sufferers. A chapter from "Pickwick" is as good as a tonic—better than most tonics, because we know and see all its constituent elements. A play of Shakespeare's is a deep draught of purifying and healing drink, of more value than that in the bottle by the bedside. The Nature-poetry of Wordsworth sinks insensibly into the soul with its healing and blessing agency. And the hidden but sure sources of spiritual power dominate the body and reach out into all its ducts and veins, and if they do not cure they help us to bear our bodily infirmity.—*London Spectator*.

The weariness and sadness of life come from persistently closing our eyes to its greatness. There is no life so poor as that which through too close a grasp of visible things has lost all conscious hold upon unseen realities. Lifted into the atmosphere of Infinite Greatness, the soul itself grows great; unfolded within the Perfect Love, the life itself becomes love.—*Lucy Larcom*.

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You are.
God is.
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Love binds.

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All good thoughts, words, and works are done with knowledge. All evil thoughts, words, and works are not done with knowledge. All good thoughts, words, and works lead to Paradise. To all good thoughts, words, and works (belongs) Paradise—so (is it) manifest to the pure.—*Manthras of the Zoroastrians*.

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FERVENT love for all burns and melts from the soul, heart and mind all dross; universal love places the mind in perfect order so that it is open to God and can express divine or orderly thought. Love is the mighty "power by which we are enabled to draw down the Divine Fire, which fills the body with life emanating directly from the source of all life; and, coming directly from that life, is of such a nature that all that is out of harmony with it is destroyed. It is the gatherer and refiner, the illuminating power of the Godhead." It is the Holy Spirit that changes, arranges and vitalizes every blood corpuscle, every molecule, every cell and all the tissue of the physical body, and thus brings health, strength, peace, harmony and happiness.

Love, fervent love of all—universal love—fully unites one with the omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent One, and then there can be only Universal Life—the Holy all-pervading Spirit—surging through one forever and ever. This means perfect life and perfect health eternally.

Infinite Perfection can be attained in but one way—by infinite love taking the place of finite love.

Life and health are ours in exact proportion as we love—universally love.

Our thoughts, our acts, our deeds, our works are divinely regulated and ordered in exact accordance with the eternal law of Love; the more universal our love, the more we are in touch with Universal Life—the more life and health we have.

As we learn to love—to broaden, widen and deepen our love—the Divine Mind burns away carnal dross and we begin to merge the finite into the Infinite—begin to vibrate with the Infinite.

The whole secret of Life is in Love.

Broad love, wide love, deep love, fervent love for all carries one to the ALL—all life, and all health, and all power, and all joy, peace, harmony and melody.

So, Love is the greatest thing in the universe—indeed, it is the only sustainer of the universe.

Without Love there could be no universe—no God, no angels, no you, no me.

Without perfect love there cannot be perfect life nor health.

God is Love. God is within. All Life, health, peace and harmony is within. Blessed truth! Glory be to God!—Frank Harrison.

Men are now rapidly attaining to the Psychic or Sixth sense, because we have now entered the Soul Age of this planet, when psychic powers are to be common faculties of the whole race. Psychic and occult powers in a little while will be the common possessions of all who aspire to be more God-like and less animalistic and sensual.

Enter the Silence and Listen. The Silent Voice will tell thy mind God is All and we are not outside of the All—thou art He and He is thee—thou art love, wisdom, joy, peace, life, health, wealth. Enter within and calmly listen.

The wave of the Higher Thought, which is now sweeping the world and showing the children of the blessed All-Father a glorious path to Eternal Day is "a wave of humanitarian teaching which tells of mercy to the weak, of justice to the oppressed, and of gentle and loving care to everything that can sorrow or suffer." Each succeeding day men are becoming more thoughtful and more considerate about the feelings of animals, and we near that glorious day when this will be a bloodless world; when men will naturally be so kind, loving and gentle that the thought of killing any sentient being for food or sport will not enter their minds. Each succeeding generation is less cruel and barbarous. The strong will not always wish to prey on the weak. The lower rungs of life's ladder are smeared and smirched with gore, but man is no longer on the lower rungs—he is now grasping the golden rounds of love, peace, harmony and melody which in a while will lift him up into the blessed sphere of infinite and eternal bliss. The tiger in man is dying and the eternal angel in him is awaking. Hail, blessed age! The bloodless age, that will cleanse, sanctify and glorify man as an eternal child of an eternal Father of Love.—The Blissful Prophet.

If evolution teaches me anything, it tells me of the possibility of the poet's promise that stronger shall ever grow out of weaker and better come from worse.—Josiah Oldfield.

As spiritual growth develops, our passions, appetites and desires naturally drop from us without any effort of will or mind. The adepts say to control or suppress our animal and brutal tendencies by mind or will is merely a dangerous and temporary suppression—a putting of the cart before the horse. He who fervently loves God with all his heart and mind, from him will forever depart all passions, appetites and desires. Carnal mind forever ceases in the Universal Lover, and we say of such a blessed person he is divine. And so he is, because he is at-one with God—eternally united with the Eternal Father of infinite love. By centering or concentrating the mind on the God within and holding it there we need give no thought whatsoever to the countless "sins" and "evils" of the world, as they cannot touch us when we recognize and realize the Omnipotent God within. And strange and paradoxical as it may seem to the carnal-minded, when man is fully united or at-one with the omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent One he forever ceases to see or recognize so-called good and bad and becomes the most positive and helpful worker in the whole world in uplifting and freeing souls. Seek God only through love, worship, meditation, prayer, service and work and you need give no thought about passions, appetites and desires.

Fear is always weakening, as it never inspires hope or courage. A God-fearing man is never as strong, hopeful and courageous as a God-loving man. As this world has now passed forever from the God-fearing Age to the God-loving era, we find it in the highest degree of progress, prosperity and civilization it has yet experienced. Fear of an angry and wrathful and punishing God makes man an arrant coward and weakling—impotent; with strong and fervent love for an All-Father of infinite and eternal love he is brave, strong, courageous, hopeful and mighty to do—almost omnipotent. Herein lies the secret of man's power—his impotence and omnipotence.

Man can do little or nothing in this world without love, hope, faith, courage and enthusiastic optimism—love for the All-Good, hope for the highest, faith in the God within to carry him to the Most High, and cheerful courage and optimism that clear away the fumes and mists of doubt and pessimism from his mind.

A thorough comprehension of the doctrine of reincarnation and of involution and evolution of the eternal soul calms and clears the mind and forever sweeps away all delusions, illusions and superstitions, and carries one into the blessed state of Eternal Bliss.—The Blissful Prophet.

The beautiful and golden future of which poets, prophets and sages sing is mine now—this day—if I but claim it by living the life of Universal Love.—F. H.

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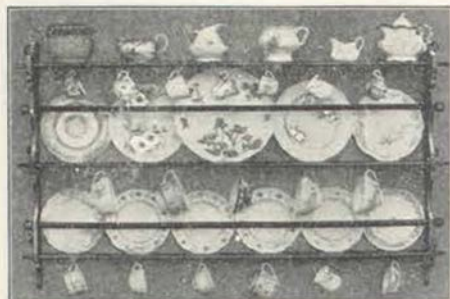
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It is through the conscious use of this Vibration of Spirit that the mighty though silent changes are going on in human affairs and relations. In truth, a new heaven and a new earth is being created, for the old has fulfilled its purpose. Omnipotent Energy, manifesting through Creative Vibration in developed, conscious souls, is the great regenerator, the true Elixir of Life.—A. Oakes McLaughlin and Carrie D. McLaughlin.

All suffering is good in that in a while it opens the mind to the truth that all suffering is a negative condition of ignorance that can readily be overcome by Spiritual power. The Higher Thought ultimately replaces the Lower and makes us free from all suffering.

It is an impotent act of an unwise man to blame and condemn himself or others. In the Present Thought of this great and enlightened age men are ceasing to condemn themselves and others, with the result that men are becoming more angelic—more God-like—nearer omnipotence and omniscience.

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Salvation of the Mind

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Life Vibrations

Is the mind puzzled and muddled? Then let it open its portals to the Eternal Tranquilizer—God. The Serene One, if earnestly, persistently and fervently sought in the Silence, will solve all perplexing problems and clear away all clouds and mists. The Silent One in the Silence silences all doubts, fears and apprehensions. He who seeketh light most is sought the most by the eternal God of Light. The supply of Light is infinite. Open all the windows of thy soul to Infinite Light, and be done with this long, dreary, dark night and its dreams and hobgoblins, and live in the Eternal Day of Light—in the blessed, eternal, blissful, or super-conscious state.—*The Blissful Prophet.*

There is no ray of hope in the myths and superstitions of the past.—A. Z.

Jefferson's Ten Rules

NEVER put off until to-morrow what you can do to-day.
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We seldom repent of having eaten too little.
Nothing is troublesome that we do willingly.
How much pain the evils have cost us that have never happened!
Take things always by the smooth handle.
When angry, count ten before you speak; if very angry, count a hundred.

Faith

FAITH!
What is it?
Some one has well said it is audacity—daring to believe God. And this is true. Faith is simply believing, taking Him at His word and trusting Him to do as He has promised.

How, then, can any professing Christian say that he has no faith?

We should always believe God. Even in the hour of darkness and sorrow we should trust Him, believing that it is His plan and purpose to lead us safely through and teach us of His tender, loving care.

Surely it is comforting to know that nothing can happen to a Christian but what God permits. Let us, then, believe that present circumstances are God's best for us now. We should not fret and fume and plead for deliverance, but rather rejoice in His presence with us—glorifying in our tribulation, and knowing that when the time comes for deliverance, He will deliver.

We lose many blessings because of our unwillingness to receive at God's hand the times of testing. "Fear thou not, for I am with thee" should be enough to quiet us and bring to us the sweet assurance of safety.

Oh for the spirit of submission that enables us to look into His dear face and say: "Thy will be done."

Let us, then, rest in the secret place of the Most High, safe in the shadow of His wing, drinking in of His sweet spirit and breathing forth little benedictions to many weary, troubled hearts.—*Christian Standard.*

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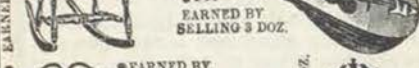
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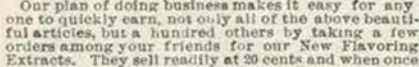
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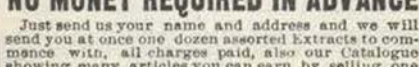
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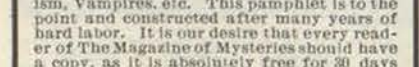
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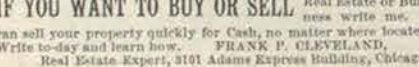
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The Real Man

LET us aspire and strive to know spiritual truths; to know that the real and eternal man is not the visible bodily form, but the indwelling and always present God-intelligence and life principle which animates, actuates and controls the mind and body, and which ultimately reaches a degree of evolution where it gets beyond all nature; when all nature, internal or external, is the servant of the Real Man. Man suffers as he is the servant of nature—he must be the king or master of nature, or in harmony with nature, before he can be free. The soul in its evolution works in, through and beyond nature, and realizes its reality or eternal existence—becomes the conscious Real Man. All souls do this; the goal of all is the same. The difference in men is only the difference in degree of evolution—the different points on the Eternal Path in which they exist. All souls are going onward, forward and upward to one goal—God.

The spiritual forces are the only powerful, healing, soothing, strengthening and curative forces in the universe. Life, Health, Strength, Power, Happiness, Peace and Bliss are impossible without Spirit in some form or degree. Spiritual power comes as we increase and broaden and deepen and ripen our love; the universal lover, or he who really realizes that all is good, is a spiritual giant, an All-mighty man, because he is at-one with the Omnipotent One. The more God-loving a man is the less he will be a God-fearing man and the more power he will have. Tremendous advancement and progress now begin to mark man's works, because he is beginning to love God; man is fast ceasing to fear God. The Age of Perfection commences when man realizes there is but one God and His Name is Love; that the Father loves all of His children, and that all are His children; that there is One Universal Religion of Love that comprehends love in all religions.

Overcome thy disease by the Spirit. The power to heal dwells within. Go into the Silence and pray to the God within for Light and Peace. Ask for nothing else—only Light and Peace—and then Listen.

All forms in the universe are formed by eternal Spirit—countless eternal souls taking up atoms, changing, arranging, rearranging and forming countless forms according to God's eternal law of involution and evolution. Forms appear and disappear, but the soul that forms them goes on forever—from everlasting to everlasting—making more and more beautiful forms—perfecting the planets and universe—all things and all beings reaching out to infinite perfection. To the unawakened mind, or carnal mind, this grand involution and evolution appears as a more or less disordered revolution; they scan surfaces and appearances and stop there for a while, and of necessity, according to eternal law, must be disturbed to the exact extent in which they see disturbance and disorder in God's universe. The great soul does not scan surfaces and appearances, but soars in the heights and dwells in the depths of the universe, going beyond all nature to the Radiant Centre of All things and all events—the very centre of his soul—and makes the grand discovery that all is good and orderly and "God is in His universe," and the Blessed One makes no mistakes and is not a failure.—The Blissful Prophet.

The soul which is at-one with God is eternally blissful, because it has knowledge of the Blessed Plan of the Blessed All-Father, and has forever freed its mind of this nightmare of good and bad, rewards and punishments. It has fully and completely realized the blessed truth that God is Love; that all souls are eternal, and are going onward, forward and upward to one goal—God and infinite perfection, and eternal bliss; that the so-called saint of to-day was the so-called sinner of yesterday, and the so-called sinner of to-day will be the so-called saint to-morrow. Blessed truth!—we are each and all the eternal children of an Eternal Father of Love. The nearer God we are, or rather, the more we realize God is omnipresent and dwelling within all souls—all beings—the less we see of good and bad and the more we see of universal and eternal progress toward infinite perfection. Eternal Bliss comes when carnal mind goes.—The Blissful Prophet.

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Man's Great Mistake

POSSIBLY there is no thinking that is so false, and so dangerous, and causes so much woe and misery in the world, as that this short life here on earth is man's only opportunity for attainment.

It is both cruel and harsh to teach or suggest that this little span of life here on the earth-plane is man's first and last manifestation or only chance to build and construct a character.

The idea of Time, Creation and Creatures in the light of Truth—in the light of modern science—would be laughable if it did not retard the progress of so many souls and cause so much pain, grief and sorrow.

The cry of "lost time" is weakening and discouraging to most men; the world has always had many souls who lag and drag their weak and impotent bodies and hopeless minds from the cradle to the grave in utter despair because they have listened to and believed this monstrous lie about "lost time."

"There cannot be any lost time. The only object of our varied experiences is the development of personal character. So many make the mistake of considering the transitory successes of the world to be the end Nature has in view for us; the fact is overlooked that their value is a passing one, that they must give place to other conditions, in due time. Our character is built up of many differing experiences; we need all kinds; all have some lesson to give; and our strength, mental and physical, depends on how we learn our lessons."

Lost time! Bless you, eternal souls, what have you to do with Time?

From everlasting to everlasting you are all eternal souls—the eternal children of one eternal Father, Who is Eternal Love—what have you to do with "Time?"

All of us—yes, all beings—are building character regardless of the delusion of Time; character that will free us and unite us to the blessed Eternal God.

All of us are building character from knowledge derived from countless experiences, in countless forms on countless planes of existence in countless ages—eternity.

In a little while all will awake from this nightmare of Time and have that abiding peace and happiness that makes strength and power to do.

Man can never be a great and tremendous power as long as he exists in the thought of Time.

Time limits man and prevents growth and expansion—especially in the fields of true religion, philosophy and science.

He who lives in the Eternal without thought of Time accomplishes much and is always successful—reaches the blessed state of eternal bliss.

No matter how many or what your failures are, take courage! You have ample "time" to yet succeed, you will ultimately reach the goal of infinite perfection.

Cease to live in Time and come out into the pure realm of Eternity.

The mere thought of Eternity is encouraging, and will make us draw our forces together for more action; it will make us forget our doubts and fears and give us divine courage to not give up.

This life here on earth is neither the beginning nor the end of our existence, and therefore there is no such thing as "lost time."

Thou art on thy eternal way; the goal of all is the same—blessed oneness with the Eternal One.

All mistakes in our earth experience are stepping stones to ultimate perfection, and in no sense are they final.

Even this greatest mistake of thinking of beginning and end—of Time—man's great mistake—will eventually lead us to the goal.

"Know that things, thoughts, events, emotions, experiences can but help thee."

Failure can only attend thee for a little while at most—a mere second in the great Eternal Day in which thou art living.

Awake!
Arise!

It is the bright morn of a blessed Eternal Day after the dreary dark of an Eternal Night.

Art thou sick at heart and discouraged, precious soul? There is a sweet and healing balm for all thy ills. Take all thy ills, heart throbs, and mind distractions to the Ancient Physician—He and the angels dispense that never-failing balm that will eternally heal and strengthen thee.

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OUT into the infinity of Life must we go to learn the causes of our evolutionary progress in all forms of life.

Whence have we come, and whither are we going? To what end and purpose is life? How can we reach out and grasp the highest truths and receive the knowledge contained in Nature's vast fields? Can we unassisted find the key to unlock the door of Nature, and take from within the secret it contains? If this be possible, how can we reach these many treasures and open the book of life? Is our desire for knowledge of that purity and humility which are emblematic of the highest type of life; or is it only for some material gain and for the purpose of using it for our personal aggrandizement?

Let us first analyze ourselves to see if there be not some selfish object, some ulterior motive, some feeling of insatiable longing after the fleshpots of the world, that leads us out into the great highways of Nature and its many resources, wherein lies the vast field of knowledge that will make known unto man the methods by which he can grasp the higher truth and unfold unto all the marvelous wonders and beauties contained therein. Slowly upward have we climbed, being a part of the organism of the human unit, being individualized thereby into an activity rising higher and higher, until finally we reach the divinity of the great Cosmos itself by uniting therewith.

From the "dust" came the material body, and by disintegration doth it return whence it came. But, did the interior, conscious ego come from that source, or has it come from the great Universal Principle itself?—and, having become individualized in the human entity, does it not continue to climb upward and onward through cycles of time until it again comes into unity with the Divine? Let us pause and look back upon the past, to see whence we have climbed and how we have become so intensified that we are able to express ourselves in the human form. From the lowest form of matter, by expression through it, we have risen—not grown, from mineral to vegetable, and from vegetable to animal, and thence to the human form. In passing downward to the lowest form of matter, spirit expressed itself therein, and, evolving from that degree of density, expressed itself in a higher form of activity—the vegetable kingdom. Having passed through its varied gradations, expressing itself in each, spirit evolved into a yet higher and more active form of life—the animal kingdom, each development creating for itself a greater activity (or higher and more responsive vibration of life) upon a higher plane. The spirit, having passed through the denser forms of life, carried with it, as it progressed through its many expressions, the experience and peculiar form of life it acquired in each gradation of evolution.

Thus, step by step, in its progress upward and onward, do the various forms of life that have characterized it in the past continue to express themselves through it—in the ear, the voice, the taste, the smell, the touch—each physical sense bringing its own particular expression; and so it passed onward, finding expression in many different forms until it reached a yet higher activity in the human form. The physical body of the human entity, therefore, is the highest individual type of expression of the spirit upon the material plane, and every manifestation of life expressed through man's physical body creates for itself the same form of expression again and again; for thus do we make for ourselves that which is necessary for yet higher evolutions upon higher planes and in greater activities.

In order to arrive at a desired result, however, man must acquire the knowledge by which he is enabled to master and govern all the lower forms of life, so making them subservient to his higher mental faculties and thus subordinating the animal by making the spirit master. The individual ego will then be enabled to pass out at will into the varied conditions of life by his demand upon them; and, being his servants, they will seek to do his will and point out for him the treasures and knowledge contained in each form of life. In being able to transport self through the various gradations of matter, man gains the knowledge whereby he can pass from matter into the higher realms of spiritual activity and function upon those higher planes.

As man continues to advance, gaining a fuller knowledge of the vibratory forces of

life in each condition thereof, not only in the lower forms of matter but also upon the highest mental planes, he can make for himself the pathway by which he can climb straight upward. In gaining knowledge, man must fully recognize the law of all life, being prepared to fulfil its requirements, if he would ascend. Moreover, he must seek by example to bring himself in harmony with the law, for only thus can he climb upward and onward. Not by seeking to evade the consequences of his acts, can he do this; for, as he hath sown he must reap, and, in the reaping, gain the knowledge which shall fit him for the yet higher fields of knowledge that lie before him.

Help Nature and work with her, and Nature will regard thee as one of her creators and make obeisance.

And she will open wide before thee the portals of her secret chambers, lay bare before thy gaze the treasures hidden in the very depths of her pure virgin bosom. Unsullied by the hand of matter, she shows her treasures only to the eye of Spirit—the eye which never closes, the eye for which there is no veil in all the kingdoms.

"Do to-day's duty, fight to-day's temptation; do not weaken and distract yourself by looking forward to things you cannot see, and could not understand if you saw them."

"Often do the spirits of great events stride on before the events; and in to-day already walks to-morrow."

Read carefully and thoughtfully the lives of all great men and women in all ages and you will always observe one dominating and animating quality of mind in each—they always set their minds on being faithful in the smallest things of life. It is the Divine and Universal law that "he that is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much." If men only could realize this grand truth and live it how large and useful and happy would be their lives here on the Earth-plane. God and the Angels will lead us to much good if we will but demonstrate in our smallest act a cheerful, willing, faithful spirit. "Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things."

The complete or whole (holy) man clearly sees that in diversity there is unity; that the spiritual evolution of all souls makes this great diversity and unity—perfect evolution of the Whole.

The soul places a true value on all material things; it is the unspiritualized mind that overvalues matter. Both soul and matter are eternal—exist from everlasting to everlasting. What we call creation is merely the eternal soul changing, arranging and rearranging matter. Time, beginning, end, creation, creatures are mere appearances in the eternal involution and evolution of soul in eternal matter. Blessed eternal soul! Blessed Eternal Matter! All is good! All is One! All is Eternal!

We never find out anything, or acquire anything, until we have an earnest and persistent aspiration to know, and are willing to work cheerfully, willingly and faithfully. "Seek and ye shall find"—knowledge and wisdom; do and ye shall have. Then we will walk forever hand in hand with the All Provident One and the blessed angels. The God-man knows the abundant resources of the Father, and all these are his.—The Blissful Prophet.

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Power of Non-Resistance

MORTAL man who yet lives in carnal-mind scans surfaces and never penetrates depths; he is a superficial man. He is not a seer, because he cannot see behind, in and beyond appearances. The Holy Seer, on the other hand, is one who has realized oneness with the Blessed One and sees beyond all appearances. He sees and knows that all suffering, from whatever cause, is one of the rounds on the Eternal Ladder that leads to Eternal Peace. All suffering is redemptive. It is only through suffering we get divine power to overcome and conquer all suffering. Sometime, somewhere, each soul passes through its degree of suffering—must take this degree. Resist not evil appearances, but patiently, merrily and cheerfully endure all evil appearances, if you would get beyond the power of carnal-mind and all limitations. Did not the Master teach non-resistance? Non-resistance is the highest teaching man was ever taught, and when lived will quickly carry him to the highest attainment. The mere recognition of the appearance we call "evil" is resistance, and gives it power over you and others. As a matter of truth, none but the more or less carnal-minded see the appearance "evil," and by this recognition hold back their own progress and the progress of the Whole. Suffering is prolonged and given a power which it does not possess by carnal-mind labeling it "evil" and resisting it with tremendous power of mortal mind and will. The transition called "death" by carnal-mind is viewed as an evil. Resist none of these so-called evils and realize the golden truth that all is good. Moreover, when you really live the life of non-resistance—the life—remember you have power and dominion over all nature, internal and external, and you are eternally beyond all "evil" appearances, and all suffering, and have become a great, holy, serene and calm center of the universe that helps to uplift all. You are then a great, eternal, silent force—the reformer of all reformers.

Wisdom is not born of earth, but of the universe. If man knows somewhat there must be an Infinite One that is all knowledge. Finite man clearly proves the Infinite One. Look to the Infinite if thou wouldst not have thy path beset with difficulties.

Nothing is sacred or eternal but the self—the soul. The soul resides in form, yet is formless; it creates countless forms, but was never created. "Whoso would be a man must be a nonconformist." Blessed truth!—The Blissful Prophet.

We are all of us imbedded in the Infinite Light of Omniscience, yet some of us close our eyes and prefer to sleep and dream vague and fantastic dreams, rather than to wake and know, and eternally live in the blessed Eternal Light—Eternal Life.

Inspired writers, in most part, write while in the super-conscious state—the perfectly non-attached state. They are mediums and channels and instruments through which, and on which, the great God speaks wisdom and plays glad music. Plato said: "Poets utter great and wise things which they do not themselves understand."

The advancing man discovers that there is absolutely nothing in the universe to fear except his own foolish doubts and fears.

Emerson in almost every sentence inspires the soul and stimulates the mind. Listen to these words and you will see the depth of his soul and mind: "Every man is a divinity in disguise, a god playing the fool. It seems as if heaven had sent its insane angels into our world as to an asylum, and here they will break out into their native music and utter at intervals the words they have heard in heaven; then the mad fit returns, and they mope and wallow like dogs. When the gods come among men, they are not known. Jesus was not; Socrates and Shakespeare were not."

Life is never produced. It is, and eternally manifests in countless forms on countless planes in countless spheres.

Man is ever striving to comprehend the incomprehensible, and it is this very striving that makes his existence on the Earth-plane one of interest and even joy. With each thought he consciously or unconsciously acquires, or rather uncovers, some truth. Patience! dear soul, in a while thou wilt know all Truth.

Fervent, silent prayer and meditation freshens and strengthens our mental atmosphere—the aura. When you pray, pray to the God within and not to an imaginary god without.

This new and great age of Light and Progress demands in the hearts and minds of men more Love, more Intelligence and more Justice than ever before.

Oh, sweet soul, listen to the Calm, Silent Voice which says: "Keep thyself calm and serene, for every excitement, every sensual pleasure, causes over-pulsation of the heart, and each over-pulsation of the heart overdraws on the nerve-fluid and weakens thy mind and body." Psychical development comes by strengthening the nervous system—by keeping cool and calm.

All in God are One! Realize thy oneness with the Eternal One and live in the Universe—beyond all time and all space. Realize by calm love and blessed patience, and try not to force thy mind or will. It is in the passive silence that we make soul progress. Thyself art a part of the GREAT WHOLE. "Where'er thou art, whate'er thou art, in every walk or turn of life, be thou thyself and nothing more."

Look down deep into the chambers of thy own soul and thou wilt learn to scale all the heights that keep thee separate and apart from the Eternal Over Soul of the Universe.

I care not for the Past nor the Future—it is the blessed NOW that thrills me with bliss.—A. Z.

The great psychic and occult powers of man result from his consciousness and realization that he is an eternal part of the Eternal Whole. We repress soul power when we cramp the soul to narrow spaces—limitation—by thinking we stand alone and separate from the omnipresent Self. Man, as he advances along the great path of the Grand Evolution, lives less and less in spheres, until he finally lives in the Limitless Sphere, at-one with the Eternal Omnipresent, Omniscient and Omnipotent One—OM.—The Blissful Prophet.



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We must return, the lesson learn,

Perfect the inner man.

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May shed a brightening ray;

Its circle run, 'twill rise again,

Dispelling hate and fear,

And lead us on by light of hope

To seek to know it here.

The Moon that lights the evening hour,

The Sun that lights by day,

All planets, stars, the frailest flower

Reveal the mighty plan;

Each does its work, gives of its life,

To manifest God-Man.

—Zamael.

MILICENT D., Seattle, Wash., born Aug. 7, 1873.—At the time of your birth the life-giving Sun was situated in the Celestial sign Leo. This is, therefore, called your birth-sign. By your having been born at this time you come under the rule of the second of the Fiery signs of the Zodiac, and are endowed with some of the impulsive energies inherent to this part of the heavens. You will make some important financial gains, and will have good success in marriage and social affairs. You will also make many strong and influential friends. According to the works of ancient Mystics, your astrological colors are red and green. You have much self-confidence and determination, which, if rightly directed, will make you attractive, so that you will be surrounded by friends and can become a leader among them. You are frequently affected by the thoughts of others, for you are sometimes subject to psychic influences. You are very liable to keep your thoughts to yourself and silently contemplate an idea until you determine what is right in regard to it. You will be much benefited by devoting some time to occult studies. You were born under very favorable planetary influences. Your best companion in either domestic life or in business affairs will be a person born between the 21st of November and the 21st of December, or between the 21st of March and the same date of April of any year. The chief illnesses to which you are liable will affect the nervous system, the heart and the kidneys. Your birth-stones are the diamond and the ruby.

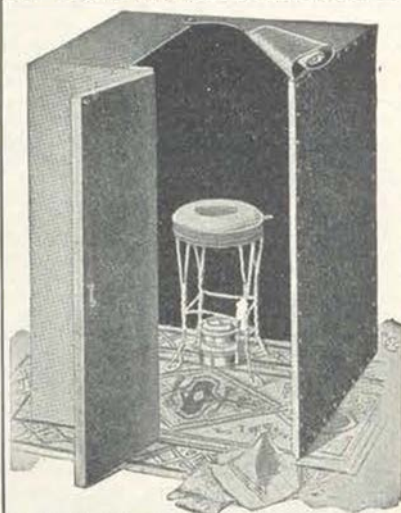
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you. Just at present there is an unfavorable influence from the planet Uranus, which is causing discouragement or depression. You are at times quite combative and resist efforts of others which are meant for your good. You are also very bold, determined and forceful when you have decided upon the accomplishment of a purpose. Your natural honesty is one of your best characteristics; still, you are often misjudged and sometimes thought to be dishonest by those who do not understand you. This you should not give way to in any manner. Your most favorable months throughout life will be April and August, and you will find Thursday to be your most fortunate day of the week. Your astrological colors are yellow and red.

JASON B. L., Osage, Kan., born Sept. 18, 1863.—This day, Sunday, comes under the rule of the Zodiacal sign Virgo, the sign of the Virgin in Egyptian and Grecian mythology, as well of the Christian religion. The sign itself is an Earthy sign, but one which gives many strong intuitional forces. The positions endow you with a discriminating, retiring disposition; still, you are frequently very energetic. You are ingenious and capable. You often go to extremes, but, as a rule, are quite orderly in your methods. You are of slightly better ability than most of those around you and are able to make many wise suggestions. You should take much pleasure in relieving the distress of others whenever it comes within your power. In practicing concentration of the mind and studying along some of the lines on which lessons are given in this Magazine, you should have crimson and yellow colors, flowers, etc., around you in order to create the most harmonious vibrations. Your birth-stone is the sapphire, and Wednesday is your most fortunate day. The ruling planet which governs your birth-sign is Mercury. Ralph Waldo Emerson was born under the same ruling planet as yourself, and you should enjoy reading his works.

ERNEST G., Houston, Tex., born Nov. 7, 1872.—The portion of the Zodiac under which you were born was the sign Scorpio. Your sign is a negative, magnetic one. This causes you to attract energies that can be transformed into healing forces. Even your silent presence is sometimes beneficial to others if you are filled with sympathy and kindness toward them and desire to aid them or relieve them from suffering. You have qualities which would make you a successful medical practitioner. You could succeed also in surgery or dentistry, and would have a peculiar adaptability for work with chemicals. You have strong psychic qualities, which you should try to develop by devoting the mind to the accomplishment of the highest possible good for others, and consecrating your life to the work, you can make an attainment which will be of great benefit. Of course, you have some faults, and can easily discover them in your own character. If you give way to them you will vibrate to the extreme on the opposite side and become much degraded or very much disliked. You have a strong love of approbation, but should never be misled by flattery. You are most liable to illness which affects the small of the back and the region of the kidneys or spine. You should choose a companion for domes-

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J. B. S. Madison, Iowa, born April 30, 1862.—I find from your date of birth that the life-giving Sun was at that time located in the Celestial sign Taurus. This is, therefore, called your birth-sign. The sign is classed as an Earthy one, and there are three of these in the grand circle of the heavens. This is also the second sign of the circle. It rules the second division of the body of man below the head: the neck and the throat. This is classed as a negative, magnetic sign. Being born in this sign makes you an expressor of ideas which have been originated in the head. You should not arrive at conclusions in business matters when under the influence of excitement or when with others. Do this carefully and when alone. Take care of the throat and the upper part of the chest. Also keep your temper under great restraint. You are too easily roused to anger, and at such times you have little regard for the feelings of others. Peace and Silence should be your motto. Be patient and unselfish, but do not allow yourself to be wholly guided by your affections. Your companions in business or marriage should be born between the 19th of February and the 20th of March, or between the 23d of October and the same time of November. Unless the appetites are under control you may have a tendency toward brain trouble and troubles affecting the nervous system. Your fortunate stones are the emerald and the topaz. Friday is one of your fortunate days. Red, blue and yellow are your colors. Your mind is shown to be quite active, and you are liable to speak before you think, and thus be led into disputes with others. There is also some inclination to worry over trifles. You should seek to control this. Reading and study along occult lines will be very beneficial to you, and you should devote some time each day to this.

O. R. H. Pickets, Wis., born July 6, 1877.—The Zodiacal sign Cancer was ruling at the time of your birth, and this brings you strongly under the influence of the Moon, which rules this sign. The Earth at the same time was situated in the sign Capricorn, a somewhat ambitious department of the heavens. These positions cause you to have strongly developed emotions and sympathies, and also lead you to a love for harmony in domestic life and care for the home and the family. You do very well when placed in a responsible position, and are faithful to the trust reposed in you. You will be a loving parent and faithful to your home interests. You are not naturally diplomatic, but can be so at times, if necessary. You have been endowed with excellent mental qualities which if developed and utilized will bring you to a very influential position. You have clerical ability of a high order, which will develop rapidly by devoting a little time to reading and study. You should consider the feelings of others to some extent, and try to make yourself as kind and generous as you can. Your birth-stones are the emerald, onyx and moonstone. Your astrological colors are white, green and russet brown. Your fortunate day of the week is Monday. You are best adapted for some work which brings you in contact with many people and calls out your highest energies. Any work in connection with chemicals or liquids would prosper well under your guidance. As a rule, you must take up a line of work which causes you to be active and in which you make quick changes of goods.

Mrs. Anna F. Newark, N. J., born December 25, 1867.—At the time of your birth the life-giving Sun was located in the Celestial sign Capricorn. This is, therefore, your ruling or birth-sign. It is a negative, magnetic, earthy and domestic sign. It gives you many noble qualities. The Earth at the same time was located in the Zodiacal sign Cancer. These positions incline you to have a philosophical nature, and give you excellent reasoning powers, making you do whatever work you undertake with earnestness and causing you to be somewhat reflective. You have excellent mental qualities and have been endowed with strong ambition and a great deal of personal magnetism. Your horoscope is a well-balanced one and shows general nobility of character and high ideals. You love to associate with those who are well educated, and have much respect for

deep or profound thinkers. You love to contemplate a highly intellectual subject and reason upon it till you know the truth regarding it. You have a strong intellect, which you hardly ever use to its full capacity. You have high aspirations which can only be realized by firmly concentrating your whole mind upon your attainments and holding to one line of thought. You have noble aspirations and will reach many degrees above your present advancement in soul-growth during this incarnation. The turquoise is your birth-stone. You should frequently sit silently in meditation on the beauties of life and the love which made all things.

J. F. Blue Island, Ill., born Aug. 12, 1876.—I find from the date that at the time of your birth the life-giving Sun was located in the Celestial sign Aquarius. This is, therefore, your ruling or birth-sign. This sign is one which belongs chiefly to the mercantile sphere. It gives you a strong attachment to city life or customs. The Earth at the same time was situated in the Zodiacal sign Leo. You are quite progressive. You have much love for scientific work and are capable of making high attainments. You are an earnest student. When the mind is directed along spiritual lines you become deeply religious and attain a realization of many of your ideals. You have strong mediumistic qualities. These, when cultivated, will be of much benefit to you, for you can gain knowledge by which you can benefit others. You have very good indications of some magnetic power, which will be developed if you will practice concentration of your forces. If you will get out into the open air and sunlight a great deal you will find it a very beneficial thing to your health, and if you have an occupation which requires much outdoor work, you will scarcely ever suffer from ill health. Your birth-stone is the agate, and your astrological colors are white and pink. I should advise you to devote much time to reading and study along occult lines of thought.

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A short time ago some prominent German-American business men of Milwaukee, John C. Koch, vice president of the John Pritzlaff Hardware Company; Albert C. Blatz, president of the Val. Blatz Brewing Company; Theobald Otjen, M. C.; Franz Wollaeger, president Franz Wollaeger Manufacturing Company; Washington Becker, president of the Marine National Bank of Milwaukee—bought a well known property in the Golden San Juan Country, in the same belt as the Smuggler-Union. They immediately sought the services of Mr. Mansfield to take charge of the properties and in November last secured his name to a contract to manage the Alta Mines Company. This company has been steadily developing two of the twenty-eight mining claims it owns, and has produced in the past fifteen months gold, silver and lead to the value of more than \$100,000. The big mill purchased by the company is now being entirely rebuilt and equipped under Mr. Mansfield's direction and will shortly be sending out its precious product of gold and silver to the mints and markets of the world.

The company is desirous of selling some of its development stock to pay the expense of the changes Mr. Mansfield is making in the mill and has placed a block of its treasury stock with the well-known firm of Win. J. Morgan & Finck, 467 Pabst building, Milwaukee, Wis. If you will drop these gentlemen a line they will send you full particulars of what is destined to become one of the grand gold properties of Colorado.

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One's Sphere of Action

To each of us his sphere in life, and each in his own sphere—this is the law of Nature and of life, according to Nature's decrees. Are we following this law in arranging our plans for living aright? Do we ask often and long until the answer is unmistakable as to our place and purpose in creation? Until we do find our own sphere and become firmly rooted in the life of that sphere, the peace that is lasting does not come to us. This is because we are not working out our own life, but are patterning after the life of another, or of others, perhaps. We become tranquil only when we have found our own, and live the life best suited to our individual needs and talents. While parts of a grand Whole, we as individuals have each a distinct purpose to fulfill, in order to make the grand Whole a possibility in expression as in essence.

Let the Silence reveal to us distinctly our real needs—the life that is for us to outwork. Lay our plans for living this life, and let all lesser needs adjust themselves to the main purpose. We must be strong, be vigilant, and let nothing swerve us from our purposes.

Life is a stage upon which each man plays a part. Find out definitely your rôle, and, like a genuine actor, throw yourself body and soul into that rôle. Keep the leading idea of your life uppermost, and your whole life will adjust itself harmoniously to your poise in your own sphere. Seek first your kingdom of heaven—your harmonious poise—and "all things" else shall be added.—*Mathilde Hochstetner, in Mind.*

No man can be really happy and forceful and helpful as long as he is in the dark as to what he really is—whence he came, what he is here for, and where he is going. What is this existence here on this small planet whirling through endless space all about? It is the problem of all problems—the mystery of all mysteries. As yet it has not been fully solved. Each succeeding hour, day, year, age we get more light—evolve into a higher degree of consciousness—and we are slowly but surely coming into the full blaze of the Light of Truth that will free us from all fear, all doubt and all guesswork about the purpose of the Eternal Life that dwells in our eternal selves—our eternal souls. Be patient! Have hope and courage! Aspire to know! All in a while will see and know the great God and His Great Plan.

Spiritual Science is the eternal basis of all systems of knowledge—the fountainhead of all we are pleased to call the "higher sciences." When physical science fully allies itself with spiritual science, men will cease to say that the Unknown cannot be known; that there is any bar to omniscience. It is pleasing to note that physical science each succeeding day is becoming more religious, and that religion is becoming more scientific. The Higher Religion of this blessed age will carry eternal man to omniscience; it is a Universal Religion of universal love, with the Eternal and Universal God as its head and centre; it is awakening and making man realize he is an uncreated eternal angel or spirit of Light that is going onward, forward and upward to the one goal of omniscience (union with God), which will make him realize that he is also omnipresent and omnipotent. Blessed truth! how thou dost gladden men. Psychic-mental Science can, will take man to the Most High.—*The Blissful Prophet.*

He who helps to spread far and wide, in any way, the cheering gospel of Optimism is far on the Path. By the way, have you said any word to your friends and neighbors—your own brothers—about THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES? Hold in mind it is "our" Magazine; a persistent exponent of Universal Love—the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

The soul is; it is neither young nor old; from everlasting to everlasting it is. It is thy mind and thy body that are young and old; they have their days of youth, middle age, and old age and "death"—the mind is strong for a while and then wanes. Not so the soul; it goes on and on forever, ever creating finer bodies and finer minds. Thou art an eternal soul using countless bodies and minds. Sometime, somewhere, thou wilt realize this blessed truth.

An unsound mind thrives and exists in an atmosphere of fear-thought, doubt-thought and pessimistic-thought; indeed, it creates what it exists on, or rather what it suffers on.

Language of the Soul

THE words of the soul are few and simple words—"Love," "Faith," "Hope," "Courage," "Eternal," "Gentle," "Calm," "Serene," "Holy," "Joy," "Peace," and "Bliss."

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The language of the soul is eternal and universal and never partial. God speaks to no one set of His children in preference to another, and all words that are freighted with love, peace and gentleness are God's words; all others are the words of mortal mind—carnal-mind. God is Love. He is not a respecter of persons—He loves all with impartial love.

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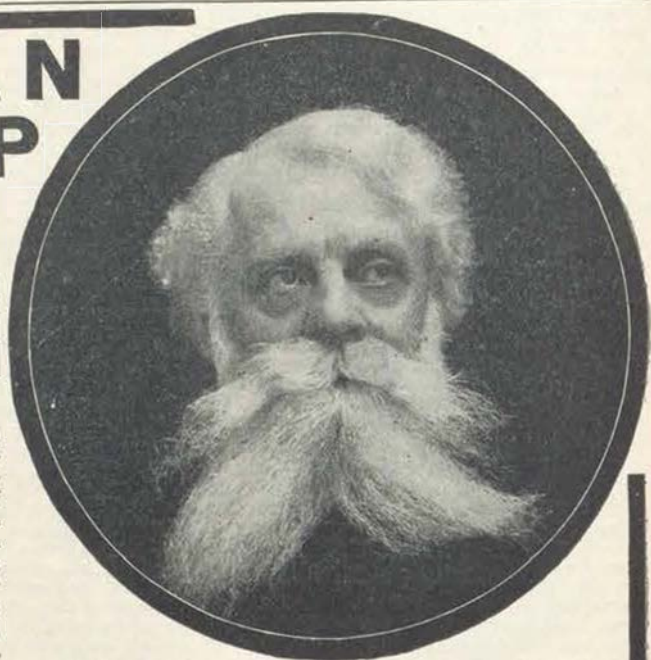
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Second—To be pure in thought, language, life—pure in mind and body. An impure man, young or old, poisoning the society where he lives with smutty stories and impure examples is a moral ulcer, who ought to be treated as the lepers of old, who were banished from society and compelled to cry "Unclean!" as a warning to save others from the pestilence.

Third—To be unselfish, to care for the feelings and comforts of others; to be polite, to be generous, noble and manly. This will include a genuine reverence for the aged and things sacred.

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—Thompson's Island Beacon.

Poverty

Dig in the golden mine of thy soul for all riches—spiritual or material wealth. Free thy mind from all rubbish that the great God, our Father, desires us to be poverty-stricken drudges. Look within! Look within! and see and know and realize thy marvelous powers to conquer, overcome, arrange and change all conditions. Cease weakening thy mind and keeping thy purse empty by considering and contemplating the conditions of the world, good or bad. What have you, an eternal soul, child of an eternal, Omnipotent Father, to do with sentimental pessimism? Rouse thyself, and dig in the golden mine of thy soul. Your great success in the conquest of poverty will inspire and stimulate other souls to look within and not without, and in a while all of us will be gathering great riches from the inexhaustible mine of the Soul. Helen Wilmans says: "Men generally are not introspective, and this is why they are not rich. They are poverty-stricken in their own opinions of themselves and their powers, and they put the stamp of their own belief on everything with which they come in contact." Look within thy soul for all wealth.

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We rise and all the distant and the near

Stands forth in sunny outline, brave and clear.

We kneel, how weak! we rise, how full of power!

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And others, that we are not always strong,

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True Opulence

By Edward M. Dawson, Jr., in Mind

OPULENCE does not mean merely riches; it means far more. Money is simply one phase of it, or, we may better say, the result of it. It is its shadowing forth on the material plane. While true opulence necessarily brings material prosperity with it, nevertheless it is a state of mind, not a material condition, as so many imagine. It is what we all insensibly seek; for, when obtained, "all things shall be added unto us."

It may be objected here that there are many rich men that manifest scarcely a spark of genuine love and have almost no spiritual development, so deep are they sunk in materialism—so entirely do they come within the category "of the earth, earthy." These may even have acquired wealth by unjust dealing, by cruel oppression and extortion. Why, you say, should these men manifest opulence? Nevertheless, they possess it in some of its manifold forms, such as energy, foresight, fertility of resource, etc. These must reap their harvest, and in time be pictured forth in the world of matter. Their possessors have no faith in spiritual laws, it is true; but they have a blind (though none the less unquestioning and thorough) confidence in their own ability to meet any and all crises. The moment this confidence is shaken, however, they are apt to lose all they have gained, since they have no firm anchor for this faith. And frequently, when a man of this stamp has amassed a fortune, it is more like a millstone round his neck than otherwise; for he does not know the true, as well as truly pleasurable, way to spend it—that is, by helping others. He imagines that, since by his own strenuous efforts his fortune was made, it should all be expended for his own peculiar and personal ends; and in carrying out this idea he never obtains true satisfaction. There is always something just above his reach that, Tan-talus-like, he feels he must have, and that eludes his grasp. This restless reaching out is caused by the revolt of the God within him against materialism—the desire to express the highest attributes of Being. Until these are expressed, there are never present the deep-seated joy and content that come to the man that lives up to the best he is conscious of.

Then, too, it may be said that many writers, historians, poets—many spiritually-minded and cultured people—are almost entirely without means. They possess the higher qualities that make for opulence, and, as far as mentality and spirituality go, are opulent in the best sense of the term; but they lack the energy, the foresight, the prudence perhaps, that are indispensable to the material picturing forth of opulence. Yet how incomparably richer and grander a genius like Columbus, poets like Homer and Dante, than men whose only boast is that of material riches! Who of the thoughtful and wise, if they had to choose, would not prefer to be one of the former class? Not that money should be undervalued, nor that we should not give due credit and admiration to the perseverance and energy that, starting at nothing, have thread by thread woven the gigantic fabric of a huge fortune; for money is a great and good thing if used wisely. It is only a curse when misused—when applied to oppression and wrong. It may and should be simply a stepping-stone to culture and benevolence.

The truly opulent and successful man is a compound of both qualities. He has all the grit, the energy, the perseverance, the forethought of the materially successful man, as well as the highest and noblest of inspirations and motives. He cares not for money in itself, knowing it to be just so much metal or paper; yet he strives to make it, since to help himself and others it is necessary to do so. However, he will not debase himself in order to gain in a monetary sense, since he knows by so doing he loses in moral stature. He prizes his own integrity far more than he does a few paltry dollars; therefore, cheating and "sharp" business practice are impossible to him. And others, assured of his honesty and squareness, instinctively deal justly by him. He does not have to pinch and scrape, for he has faith in the assurance of that unfailing supply. He fears no "rainy day," and dares to spend or invest his last cent, since he is certain that to-morrow will bring with it the sure solution of all problems. This faith, however, does not make an idler of him; for he knows he must do his part—that the "Lord helps him that helps himself." And he does not hesitate

to consecrate his best efforts to the cause of ennobling and uplifting humanity—by his deeds, his thoughts, or his writings. He has the poet's eye for the beautiful in Nature, art, or sentiment, and makes it his own. And, most of all, he has an all-pervading sense of his relationship to his Creator and to his fellow-man, and calls every man his brother—if not in blood, yet in spirit. Such are a few of his main characteristics. Such a man cannot fail. "All things" are added to him, for he seeks first the "kingdom of God and His righteousness."

How, you say, can one attain to true opulence? By simply following the example of Christ. Christ was the truly opulent man. Think only loving, peaceful, just thoughts, and let your actions be inspired and directed by the God within you. Reject all unworthy thoughts as soon as they come into your mind. Confide yourself entirely to the Father's loving care, knowing that to-morrow will only open up new vistas of peace and joy. Regret not the past nor worry about the future, but live entirely in the present, and live every moment as if it were your last, utilizing it for the highest you are conscious of. Let the majesty and beauty of the soul shine through its veil of flesh!

The Present Thought is the cream of all old thought, and is rightly named the Higher Thought, and is the great power in, back of, and beyond our present high and progressive civilization. It is the universal love-thought of God in contradistinction to the fear-thought of God which men in their darkness held in the past. There can be no great or high civilization as long as man in any degree fears God. No mind of mortal man can have the faintest conception of the great and high civilization that is to come out of this Higher Thought—of this idea of universal love.

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If thou in man the good wouldst reach;
Prove by thy life the law of love
If thou love to the world wouldst teach.

If thou wouldst have established here
The reign of love, the reign of good,
Take thou thy stand, do thou thy part,
In bringing out love's brotherhood.

Let love for all pervade thy soul
If thou wouldst have the world to sing;
Attune thy heart to the heart of God
If thou the world to God wouldst bring.

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ON HEALING DISEASE

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"THERE are three things that the Occultist attempts to do in making a cure through mental means. First, he destroys the mental picture of disease which his patient holds as a matrix; second, he raises the vibrations of that portion of the body which has become lowered, and makes it vibrate normally, thus forcing out all foreign elements; and third, he supplements the elements driven out with new elements, which are introduced into the system by the Cosmic Force flowing through it.

"Here are a few rules that may be helpful to you in demonstrating over disease: First. It is well to avoid seeing the manifestation of the disease, if possible.

"By doing this you will not have the picture of disease constantly in mind, and will be able to see more clearly the picture of perfect health you must create for the patient. If you do not see the objective symptoms of an ugly wound, or an artificial growth, it is easier to make a perfect image and to present that picture to the mind of the patient. In cases where there are only subjective symptoms, never let your sympathies go out to the patient, but hold yourself positive against any emotion of fear which he may have. The moment your own emotions become joined with his, your power to destroy his mental pictures of disease is weakened; you have then accepted his creations and are but accentuating the pictures in his mind.

"Second. When you have learned from the patient what his creations are, you are able to destroy them by denying their permanency, if they exist temporarily, or by denying them absolutely if they are imaginary.

"After making your denials, follow them with affirmations of that which is true; create a perfect physical condition for your patient, and hold that thought picture till he himself accepts it. Should a patient come to you claiming heart disease, when the physical disturbance was nothing but indigestion, do not deny his claim audibly, lest he be offended. It is not necessary to give a patient a diagnosis of his actual condition, because sometimes this would but intensify his fears.

"In actual disease deny its permanency and affirm health. For example, in case of a cold, deny its permanency and declare positiveness for the patient, and as his vibrations are raised, direct the Cosmic Force through his body. As his relaxed condition is corrected and the interstices between the atoms grow smaller, the foreign elements become crowded out or expelled from the system; and under this treatment every part of the body will respond to the positive condition of your mind. Denials destroy; affirmations create. The Christian Scientists, and many Mental Scientists, use denials largely and sometimes exclusively, while the New Thought Scientists use affirmations alone. It is urged by this last-named class of healers that the denial is contained in the affirmation; but to mentally affirm a healthy condition without denying or destroying the pictures of disease held by the patient is like attempting to build a new house on the site already occupied by another building without first clearing the ground. You could take out an old brick and put a new one in its place till the new house was built; but it would require a much longer time than it would to tear down the old structure first.

"Third. In ordinary treatment, take the left hand of your patient with your right hand, that the Cosmic Force may enter your left side and pass out at your right, or positive side, into the left, or receptive side, of the patient.

"You should remain in a positive condition of mind while treating in this manner,

Peace of mind is a holy serenity that comes of knowing and realizing that the real self is an eternal simple that dwells within, and that it cannot be injured or lost. With peace of mind there are always bodily strength and health. "Peace of mind must, in the order of things, manifest itself in bodily strength and surroundings of harmony and comfort."

Love God, fear nothing, live in truth, work, be prosperous and happy.—A. Z.

or your own personal magnetism or life force will be drawn from you with the Cosmic Force into the patient.

"Fourth. In a case of depleted mental condition of a patient, in epilepsy, insanity, and in spinal trouble, place your right hand upon the top of the patient's head while giving the treatment. This position throws the current where it is most needed, and the result will be more nearly immediate.

"Fifth. In cases of cancers, tumors, boils, swellings, or any kind of separate growth, cover the affected part with a white silk handkerchief, and then place your right hand over it while giving the treatment.

"The object in doing this is twofold. First, by covering the growth with the handkerchief, you do not see it and are better able to picture perfection in its place; and second, by placing your hand upon the affected part you bring the current of force directly into it, and this conserves force.

"Sixth. Keep your left hand off the patient when treating.

"Otherwise you form a complete circuit with him, and as the new life goes into him through his left hand or side, you draw his old, worn-out or demagnetized atoms into yourself, thereby lowering your own rate of vibration, and bringing a physical condition upon yourself similar to what you are trying to relieve.

"Seventh. In separate growths, use the highest shade of the particular Cosmic Force or color you have selected to use for your patient.

"Suppose you desire to use green; then treat with the ultra ray of green, because that is the highest rate of vibration of that color and will bring the quickest results. Herein lies the great success of the Occultist over the majority of healers, and over those who use mechanical processes. When the X-ray—which is now known to be one of the highest shades of green—is thrown upon an individualized growth, it immediately commences its disruptive process, and much better results are obtained than with the knife. Its limitation is like that of surgery, in that it does not reach the blood; consequently, if the germs are through the blood of the patient, there will be a return of the disease. But if the healer places his hand over the affected part and uses the ultra shade of the Cosmic color selected, and directs the current through the entire system, the germs will be destroyed, and a return of the disease will be impossible.

"Eighth. Concentrate on the aura of the patient to get his predominate color, and then ask of the Universal Consciousness that the color may be known to you.

"This should be done in case you are not clairvoyant, and do not see Cosmic colors at will. Through this practice you will learn to either see or sense the color or vibration of a person as you can sense or see the color of light, or of a flower.

"Ninth. Demand of Deity that you may be used as an instrument for It to manifest through.

"This demand, like any other, must, and will be, met, because whatever is held in mind constantly must sooner or later materialize. If you desire to be a healer of the sick, and to relieve suffering, that thought in your mind makes of you that kind of a centre, and if you are honest and faithful, all the healing powers in the universe will flow through you as a centre in order that your demands may be fulfilled. It is the mental condition which draws or repels Cosmic Force, and the better life you live, the purer your thoughts, and the higher your aspirations are, the more perfectly and forcefully can Cosmic forces be used by you for the restoration to health of others."

Prayer is not something to be listened to, but to be participated in. It is not a matter to be coolly criticised, but to be made our own. It is not a deliverance before God, but an expression of heart desire, which demands the sincere Amen. It is not a ministerial address to heaven, but a pleading on our behalf, to which we are to give a soul-assent. It is not an eloquent oration which we are to admire and praise, but a supplication which we are to endorse in our hearts.

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This sense can be developed so that it can be used understandingly by all, but we must first learn how to be silent. There are millions of people in the world to-day who "sit in the Silence," and there are many organizations that have special times set apart for "sitting in the Silence," but there are very few in comparison to the number who know how to "sit in the Silence," how to come into the stillness of being. Yet in no other way can they find God. But the brightest intellects, the keenest reasoners, have never come any nearer God, any nearer solving the problem of Life than those with the poorest intellect and least capable of reasoning. All the great scientists and philosophers of all times have been as subject to all the ills of life as are those among the least intellectual.

That which has given more real satisfaction and peace of mind has not come to him through reasoning it out; but it has come from this finer spiritual sense.

We have become what we call "civilized," and have wonderful inventions for physical convenience; we are far advanced in the arts and sciences; but we have never yet learned the art of being happy and at peace, and we never will until we develop this inner sense. This inner sense will bring us in conscious touch with Immortal Life. It will give us that "Peace that surpasseth understanding." Be still and listen for that which will come to you in the Silence.

Be still and let God find you!
All the Soul poise—real Soul happiness—that comes to man, comes to him in the Silence. We cannot impress this one aim too strongly on the readers of this Magazine—the supreme joy and felicity of entering into the Silence! Are you sorrow laden? Then go alone and relax mind and body, for even a few minutes—five or ten, if you can do no better. "Be still!" Let the Spiritual Essence of the great Universe enter your entire being, in a great wave of Love. Do this when it will not interfere with your other duties, and you will feel refreshed and revived with that "Peace that surpasseth the understanding." It is a panacea for all the ills and sorrows of the world.

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It is a blessed sign when we think and have an aspiration to know—to attain.

Healing by Psychic-mental powers is more in vogue to-day than it was yesterday, and will be practiced more to-morrow than it is to-day. We live more and more in the Spirit each succeeding day.

"Are you in earnest? Seize this very minute. What you can do, or think you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it. Only engage, and then the mind grows heated; Begin, and then the work will be completed."

Knew'st thou the truth, thou wouldst not pray—
Lord, to Thy child send joy this day.
Thou art deceived: joy is within,
And never pain nor grief nor sin
Can take 't away. God put it there,
Nor comes it nearer thee for prayer.
Joy is of thy true self a part:
Why shouldst thou pray for what thou art?
—Mary Putnam Gilmore.

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Mind-Changing

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*To a close-shorn sheep God gives wind by measure;
Help thyself and God will help thee.*
—HERBERT.

There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so.—SHAKESPEARE.

BLESSED indeed is he who cheerfully, merrily and willingly performs all the duties of life here on the earth-plane; who never shirks or dodges the small works and duties that always are at hand.

A Seer observes that all men and women who attain to great success and happiness, health, strength and fortune do not neglect the little and simple things of life.

It is the divine and eternal law that we all must work from the small and simple to the greater and more complex—the larger and more perfect.

Men are made miserable because they do not observe and live under this one changeless and eternal law; they spurn small things and never reach great and lasting possessions.

In religion, philosophy, science, the arts, literature, commerce, we see men miss the mark just because they remain indifferent to small or little details.

Take the history of any great man or woman the world has ever produced and it will be found that he or she started on their career with a steadfast eye on the work and duty nearest at hand.

Poverty and disease are the effects of one who does not know, will not know, or will not heed the so-called little and simple truths.

The ignorant and perverse mind always searches for something big and great that lies beyond its reach, and neglects the apparent small and simple truths that always are near at hand—within the soul—which will surely lead to all that is great and good, if heeded.

The angels are ever watching men, and as they cheerfully, merrily and willingly do the smallest things that are nearest to hand, they are led and helped to greater things.

God will not entrust His great and mighty works to cowards, whiners, groaners and skulkers. "Help thyself and God will help thee."

In health, in wealth, and peace and happiness this eternal law applies—that we must practice and know how to do little things well and perfectly and cheerfully and willingly, before we can proceed to the greater.

"Honor and shame from no condition rise;
Act well your part, there all the honor lies."

Henry Wood says: "To magnify abuses until they seem to be the rule, is to promote them."

Vivid pictures of human misery continuously hung before the eye make men pessimistic and powerless to overcome adverse conditions. "There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so."

Our well-meaning reformers too often project so many continuous thought pictures of great misery on the public mind that the public becomes first disturbed, then used to it, and finally cold, hard and pessimistic as regards misery.

I have just completed reading Mr. Henry Wood's great work, "THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF HUMANISM," for the sixth time, and am inspired and impressed by the golden truths in it, especially in the chapter on "Dependence and Poverty." This, with Emerson's essay on "SELF-RELIANCE," will open any man's mind to the truth that he must, to succeed or attain, attend first and at all times to the little things and little duties that are always at hand.

And, when we come to do this we will have little time to disturb the world by our pernicious activities, and the world will be so much the better for our fully and completely reforming ourselves.

Mr. Wood says: "In varying form the old question of realism versus idealism is ever cropping out. Shall the worst or best be made of existing conditions? We take direct issue with the host of noble men and women who, with the best of intentions and with artistic skill, have drawn, framed, and hung up vivid pictures of human misery. Pessimistic realism contains no element of cure. Such has been the conventional and largely the ecclesiastical way of dealing with evil, moral and social, for centuries, and little advance has been made. It has been thought that to hold up the abnormal, turn it about in the light and analyze it, would effectually make it detestable. It has rather made it familiar and expected."

It is a psychological phenomenon that you give tremendous power to that which you recognize and resist.

The world has now a host of universal lovers who have only time and inclination to sing about the mighty love of God, the mighty power of man, and cheering optimism, with the result that the world was never so progressive, prosperous and happy.

We now behold the passing of men and women who see the worst in every man, every thing, and every system.

In this glorious age we have countless broad and deep minds who do not scan surfaces and live in blind beliefs and appearances—the mind is growing broader and broader, and deeper and deeper.

"There is a trace of wholesomeness everywhere," and this will grow and thrive if we recognize it.

Men need cheer and hope and optimism; not sentimental sympathy and weakening pessimism.

Optimism is constructive; pessimism is always destructive.

"The pessimist has eyes only for the worst, and his presence is a black pall. The scientific way to cope with negative conditions is to displace them with positives. To hold up before any one his degradation, poverty or ignorance, is to impress them more deeply upon him."

Let us cease at once to be desponding whimperers, and think, and talk, and write only of the All Good—let us stop looking outward and abroad for great things, but look first within for the simple knowledge that will lead us to the Most High.

"Let not thy mind run on that thou lackest as much as on what thou hast already."

Deep down in your soul is all the power to do, to achieve, to overcome and to patiently endure; what a great mine of treasure is thy own soul!

But we must all of us first know how to value and attend to all the wee, small duties of life before we can open the mind to omnipotent power that will give us psychic-mental powers to proceed to greater things.

Dependence, poverty, disease and misery are overcome by cheerful non-recognition of them, and a willing and cheerful desire to perform any and all work and duties that are nearest at hand.

A great soul says: "To teach the poor how to use even the small share of goods and talents intrusted to them proves to be almost the only true help of a worldly sort which it is possible to give them. Other gifts, through the long ages tried and found wanting, we must have done with. Nearly a million of dollars, in public and private charities, have been given away in one year in Boston alone; and this large sum has brought, by way of return, a more fixed body of persons who live upon the expectation of public assistance, and whose degradation becomes daily deeper. The truth has been made clear to us that expenditure of money and goods alone does not alleviate poverty."

Education that teaches the way of self-support is what the world needs—self-support in disease, trouble and poverty.

And what is self-support? It is soul-support; that psychic-mental knowledge that tells us all power lies within and that we must commence to work on that work which is small and simple and always near at hand, before we can make any progress to greater and better works.

God's plan is perfect, and no one can suffer who comes into harmony with His eternal, changeless law.

No one can shirk or skulk or sulk and escape this blessed, beneficent law which eternally applies to all—we cannot hope to dodge the great law of Cause and Effect.

As we sow our thoughts, just so we will reap; discords in our lives do not come from our social systems so much as they come from our individual perverse minds.

Individuals in countless numbers waste their powers and energies in deploring social systems, the laws, and government, and keep themselves in abject poverty and all who come within their sphere much disturbed, who, if they but attended strictly to their own business, would be in affluence and a blessing to themselves, their families, their neighbors and the WHOLE.

Come, men! be men, and not whiners and cringers, and dodgers, and skulkers, and sulkers. Rouse your minds! Rouse your souls! Come out into the Twentieth Century Light. Vibrate with the present glorious order of things, and in no way clog or retard the prosperity and progress of this beautiful world.

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Occult Truths says: "Only a blind and undeveloped mind can complain at suffering. Suffering is a necessary means for dissipating illusion. All illusion is the result of holding a hypothesis of good and evil. The universe reveals itself in infinite beauty to whoever practices persistently upon the counter hypothesis, while he who adheres persistently to distinctions of good and evil sees less and less of good, year by year, and more and more of evil, until pessimism drives him toward insanity."

Our insane asylums are full of men and women who could not discern the All Good in the world; who looked upon suffering as a great evil from God or Satan and not as an effect of ignorance; who believed in an angry, weak and impotent God and an omnipotent Satan; who lived in appearances and on surfaces rather than in realities and holy depths.

Again Occult Truths says: "The Mystic knows that man is fulfilling his commission, that there are no mistakes except in appearance, that man's true nature is of the substance, the substructure of the earth, though not of dead earth. When the soul's eyes are opened to see the souls of trees, the souls of insects, the souls of the planets, the soul of Nature, we know that our home is the Universe of which earth is a part, and a man is not exotic thereto. The man whose life is of the material and tied to physical sensation is fulfilling his commission to explore that realm, and work in that realm. As soon as he has completed his mission, he will naturally turn to the soul of matter, will acquire thereby the control of matter, will materialize or dematerialize spontaneously ('at will')."

All do suffer in the Grand Evolution, through lack of divine knowledge, and he who bears suffering with patience and deeply studies and searches for the cause will shortly know the cause of all suffering, and also know how to control the Divine Power to permanently remove the cause and get beyond all suffering.

In belief there is much suffering; in knowledge much bliss—joy, peace, harmony and melody.

A belief in ignorance begets an ignorance that entails untold suffering, individually and collectively.

Men in this blessed Age of Light are having their eyes and minds opened and are clearly seeing that much poverty, drudgery and disease and suffering can be laid at the door of Belief.

Know, and believe nothing that thy own soul *within* does not tell thee is true. The God *within* never lies; it is the belief in the false God without and afar off that keeps man in bondage to suffering.

Dwell in consciousness that God is, and not in a belief that there is a God, if thou wouldst cease to suffer.

Dwell in consciousness that thou art an eternal soul with a body and not a body with a soul, if thou wouldst have that joy and peace that passeth all understanding, and be for ever and ever free from all suffering.

Love God, ask Him for nothing but Light, and He will give thee all things and all power to do and overcome. Know this, that God is omnipresent and that we get all knowledge from *within* and not from without.

Art thou in the middle of the grand Stream of Life? If not, why not? Commune with the *inner* man—thy real self—about it.

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In the consciousness of love man sees all things as good; in that of hatred he sees them as evil. Thus he has the power to harmonize or make chaotic his own consciousness, and as his consciousness is, so will the world appear to be to him. The soul in each is omnipotent. The power in each soul is in degree to its expansion in love. If but one soul sincerely and divinely loves everything in the world, he is virtually the Light of the World, and he has then the power within whose influence no evils—diseases, disasters and death—can operate, any more than night can remain when the sun appears.

How can we think of God as the Infinite and Eternal One of Love and Mercy if for one moment we think of Him as ever being angry or wrathful?

The Higher Evolution

At the beginning of the twentieth century a general evolutionary reconciliation of the higher order is apparent. Everything there is has some fitting place and legitimate office. In the great scheme of the Whole, each church, sect, system and institution, however imperfect, which is striving to uplift men, contains the most good for its own particular section of the human family, and its very existence is a witness of such adaptation. As rapidly as its utility is outgrown, in the natural order it will be replaced by one more fitting, and this may be without any overt antagonism or criticism. If one finds his normal hunger more fully met in some new institution, that which previously has been regnant will drop off of itself, and no one need try to strip it away. That which is truly liberal will not denounce that which is conservative nor even that which is narrow. The higher evolution silently relegates everything to its own place, arbitrary outside judgments to the contrary notwithstanding. Simply bear aloft the truth, or your highest ideal of it, and let it deal with error as the rising sun deals with darkness. If the shadows are to be sternly fought let the light do the work.—Henry Wood.

Strength of character comes when we can learn to patiently and cheerfully bear our crosses. "Each human heart must bear alone its cross." Of course we always have that blessed privilege of asking God to help us endure our pains and sorrows, and if we repose full faith in Him in no instance will He fail to give us strength and divine leading to overcome and master our griefs. "Weeping for a night alone endureth, God at last shall bring a bright morning hour."

We all exist for the sake of one another—the good of the Whole—and the more we are poised and centered the better it will be for All.

"Why so hot, little man?" A little patience. "God is in His universe; all is right in the world." Why ruffle thy finite mind if thou canst not understand the workings of Infinite Order? Come, cool thy little brain, and become calm, serene and dignified. God can turn the world around, even if thou art not at hand.

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Do not brood over the past and have no anxiety as to the future. All these are destructive to life and character and create evil. They disturb all peace, happiness and contentment; throw the mind out of equilibrium, causing man's whole beautiful nature to be distorted and forced to grow in a wrong channel, making him a false offspring of Nature with all his sufferings and horrors, instead of the beautiful child the Creator intended, growing to full consciousness, wisdom or understanding, a complete life full of blessings.

You may be greatly assisted to the standard of progression by permitting free action of the nobler qualities, such as faith, hope, charity, generosity, patience, endurance, meekness, sympathy, forgiveness, kindness, forbearance, love, tenderness and good will to all.

Calm your mind, kill out desires. Live wholly in the present, always on guard with a steady purpose to do right, submissive to God's will and guidance, and thus draw to you and make it possible to receive a greater assistance from the Master's Forces.—Charles E. Stewart.

The Church of the Future

INDEPENDENCE of mind is vastly more important than correctness of opinion, says Rev. Herbert S. Bigelow. The hope of the world is that increasing numbers are coming to worship at that Altar of Independence for which Burns wrote the inscription:

Thou of an independent mind,
With soul resolute, with soul resign'd;
Prepared Power's proudest frown to brave,
Who wilt not be, nor have a slave;
Virtue alone who dost revere,
Thy own reproach alone dost fear,
Approach this shrine and worship here.

Whenever man consciously or unconsciously transgresses or breaks the Eternal Law of God he must suffer, the same as he would burn his hand by disobeying the law of fire by placing and holding his hand in the flame. In the working of this beautiful Eternal Law the ignorant and superstitious see and create out of nothing an avenging and wrathful God; the good and wise see a loving, wise and beneficent Father, who has established One Eternal Law that all His children may in a while and in experience learn that the whole universe is cause and effect; that we must live with the One Eternal Law and not break or oppose it.

This Magazine will always aim to print hopeful and sunshiny truths. It is a truth of all truths that that which darkens, discourages and depresses one's mind is error and not truth; while that which inspires and uplifts and gives hope, courage and more light and more life is truth.

A simple search for truth always commences with the Soul. Awaken thy soul if thou wouldst enter the Path of Light and know the real from appearances, and live in the highest, purest, best and freshest.

Adeptship

WE stand in the full light of Divine Radiance and reach Adeptship when we live with the Eternal God, the Son, the Holy Spirit and the Holy Angels. To become self-centered in God is to reach Absolute Bliss here and now, through Love, Worship and Service. This is the Perfected Bliss. Then we possess the key that unlocks the mysteries. We then control nature internally and externally—when we Love and worship God and render continual service. The Blissful State is not an idle, dreaming state; it is intense activity. The Holy or Religious man is a tremendous worker all the time. He knows how, when and where to work. In sleep or awake his mind is controlled by the Divine Mind that never rests. He has the greatest health, strength and endurance, and fatigue he knows not. For such souls there is only continuous work, which they do with joy and peace in their souls and hearts and minds. Through Love, Worship and Service we attract the Infinite Power, and the wealth of Infinite Opulence. All success and all happiness and all peace belong only to the Holy, Religious Man or Woman, and to none other.

It is bliss to my eternal soul to see each succeeding day so much more of orderly progression in this world, to see each succeeding age and each succeeding generation further along the Great Evolution. Glory be to God! Nothing is going backward! God has not failed in His Eternal works! —The Blissful Prophet.

Consider for a moment the grovelling misery of one of these joyous ones who he to gauge his gifts by the estimation in which they are held by his friends! He sings, perhaps, and while his hearers shrink inwardly, or are consumed with covert laughter, they greet him warmly and ravish his soul with their plaudits. Or, perchance, he is a raconteur, a narrator of stories of length, personal adventure chiefly, in which he figures ever as the hero. How pleasant for him to believe that the tears in the eyes of his fair listener are due to the moving pathos of his tale, and not to the smothered yawn, suppressed, thrust back, invisible, behind the lace-edged fan.

Such a shock as a revealing to this innocent of his unwelcomeness would have. I think, a serious deteriorating influence upon his character. We should find him growing trenchantly bitter in his turn, moody, morose, even vindictive. It might be that a suicide's grave would end his disheartenment. It is not true that natures such as his recover easily from deep wounds to their vanity. The quick recovery argues always a gift of humor or philosophy—traits which are absent from his make-up. It is better to suffer him gladly than to make him suffer. We have enough bitter people in the world without fashioning them ourselves.

Moreover, there is the joy of sacrifice in ministering to him. If it be true that we develop godly qualities by service to others, there is ample opportunity here to win laurels for ourselves. "Did I ever tell you," he says, "that little story of how I stopped the runaway team? It was quite a risky thing to do, they told me afterward, but then—I don't know"—he smiles—"you know I'm always taking chances like that. Perhaps, though it would bore you—?" Not once, but five times has he told you the story—but why not seventy times? What are we here for except to win grace from Heaven by cheerful self-sacrifice? So be it; let him go ahead and see thou fail not to let admiration speak from eyes that shine as he proceeds.

Universal Love—love for all—is the key-thought of the Higher Thought; it is the thought that gives healthy action to mind and body and helps to bring into the world peace, harmony and melody through right, true and just attitude of man to man; it opens the mind and heart to a consciousness of our true relation to God and man.

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Conception of the Spiritual Sphere

MOTION lives in the circumference, but in the centre is rest. The surface is the realm of illusions, but in the depths of the soul exists knowledge. The periphery is surrounded by clouds and darkness, but in the centre is light. There the spirit breathes upon the soul, and there is the kingdom which is the inheritance of those who choose to be the elect. From this centre come the light and life which pervade the soul and the physical body. The soul is the circle formed by thought around the spiritual centre; but the power-producing and *fixing* thought radiates from that centre, and in it are all powers united. In this centre is the sun of your spiritual world; its light is the *Truth*, its heat is the love for the good and the beautiful. The organ for light is *Faith*, based upon knowledge and experience; the organ for heat is the heart. Let them act together in harmony, and you will obtain life, consciousness, and power; by the process of spiritual regeneration. All that is of real value to know rests in the depths of the soul. Learn to ask at the centre, and you will receive the true answer. In the average man the light burning in the sanctuary is not perceived, although its heat may be felt. The voice sounding from the interior is not distinctly understood, although it may be heard through the thick walls of the semi-material soul like the ringing of bells at a great distance; but as the power of feeling, in the physical organism, formed the foundation for the development of the senses of seeing, hearing, smelling, etc., so likewise the power of intuition will, in the growing spiritual organism, develop the inner sight, hearing, smell, and taste. These things will not be understood nor believed by those who reason merely from the material plane; neither are they written for the purpose of convincing such people; but to those who seriously desire to know the truth the above hints may be useful, to lead them to a path where they will find still more light.—*Franz Hartmann.*

Desires

LET not desires for the material pleasures of the physical world gain control of your senses. If you do, your higher nature will be the slave, your low, base, animal, sensual nature the master—a master who knows no love, no pity, no sympathy, but whose one object, one purpose, will be to crush in order that the subtle powers of hate, anger, revenge, and above all the carnal passions may hold high revel; thereby forging chains around you that will bind and imprison the soul in such a narrow dungeon that it will never be able to understand that there is a realm which is its lawful inheritance—a realm where night does not exist, but which is, through the endless eternities, lighted by the divine goddess of truth. Be still and know that the angel of truth stands continually at your side, waiting with a sublime patience for an opportunity to prompt and to instruct, in order that the earth-bound sons and daughters of this world may receive the blissful assurance that God, the Father, is a God of Love.—*Gemini-Capricorn.*

Each of us, whether rich or poor, young or old, can bestow upon some sin-wounded, discouraged soul the healing balm of kind words. Like the sunbeam and the rain-drop, falling on the withering flowers, they will bear to it life, courage, hope, and return to the giver a rich benediction.

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The God-Wisdom guides and controls me.
The God-Intelligence illumines and inspires me.

The God-Power supports and prospers me.

The God-Bounty supplies my every need.
I rejoice in perfect freedom.—*Jane W. Yarnall.*

Cease your suggestion of bad results. Suggest to yourself an opportunity in every difficulty. Do not allow feeling to get the mastery over you. Control your own physical states by the use of right, auto-suggestions. You can do wonders in this line, if you will. In everything see the soul's opportunity to become master of its environments and the conditions of its body.—*A. P. Barton.*

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Most sincerely yours, C. I. H.

Carthage, Mo., Dec. 22, 1902.
My wife was well pleased with the answer received from you dated Dec. 1st, and I am anxious for answer to my questions.
Yours most truly, C. A. E.

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I was green enough and boy enough to be inwardly indignant at what seemed to me the cynicism of the philosopher. But I did not then know that when he was eight years old his father had died, and that to the penury, shall I say, of those early days, to his mother's determination that the boy should be bred at Harvard College, to the careful struggles by which each penny was made to work the miracles of the broken bread by the Sea of Galilee, he owed, or thought he owed, much of the vigor, the rigor and the manhood of his life. "Good is a good doctor," as he said himself, "but bad is sometimes a better."—Edward E. Hale.

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"Every person should have a high ideal; it may be he will never attain it, but the suburbs through which he travels toward the ideal are very beautiful and the passing through gives much joy and satisfaction."

"My hope for the human race is bright as the morning star, for a glory is coming to man such as the most inspired tongue of prophets and of poets has never been able to describe. The gate of human opportunity is turning on its hinges, and the light is breaking through its chink; possibilities are opening, and human nature is pushing forward toward them."—Emerson.

Two Women

I KNOW two women; and one is chaste And cold as the snows on a winter's waste, Stainless even in act and thought (As a man born dumb in speech errs not). But she has malice toward her kind—A cruel tongue and a jealous mind. Void of pity and full of greed, She judges the world by her narrow creed, A brewer of quarrels, a breeder of hate—Yet she holds the key to "Society's" gate.

The other woman, with a heart of flame, Went mad for a love that marred her name. And out of the grave of her murdered faith She rose like a soul that had passed through death.

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Ojo de Buey (pronounced "oho de bway") is a beautiful jewel-like product turned out from the great laboratory of Nature. In size and appearance it resembles an ox's eye. For thousands of years the simple people of the Semi-Orient were the only human beings who knew the virtues of Ojo de Buey, but in these latter days its remarkable talismanic powers have become known to a few travelers and sailors, who have seen these powers conclusively demonstrated. The natives of that far-off land firmly believe that the possessor of Ojo de Buey is effectively protected from ACCIDENT, ILL-HEALTH and the EVIL EYE; that his VITALITY and VIGOR will be PRESERVED, and that he will be FORTUNATE and SUCCESSFUL in all his undertakings.

But to the student of occultism the most wonderful

phenomenon connected with this jewel, and which is riveting the attention of great minds throughout the world, is the power it has of enabling a person gazing steadily at it to see reflected on its polished surface scenes of the past and future, places remote and incidents occurring at the moment, at a distance or near by. Faces and movements of lovers, friends or enemies, with their varying expressions, appear to the gazer with a vividness that is startling.

Such a power gives the jewel an inestimable value to its possessor, and accounts for the widespread interest it has created. Naturally the number of Ojo de Buey is limited, but the National Research Society was fortunate enough to secure all that were available, and for the purpose of obtaining the experiences of intelligent people to assist in solving the great secret of the "Ox's Eye," they will be distributed among those interested in this country and England. Accordingly the following opportunity is offered whereby you can obtain one of these priceless jewels.

This wonderful and most beautiful of jewels will be sent in a jewel case, with full instructions for observing its phenomena, on receipt of one dollar, the only condition being that those receiving it write us describing their experiences and impressions (except, of course, those of a private character). Anyone choosing to do so may return talisman within 30 days and receive deposit dollar back. To obtain this jewel call on or address GEO. E. BENTON & CO., Dept. C, 131 Tremont St., Boston, Mass., U. S. A.

Any person assisting in this investigation may, on request, have their communication considered strictly confidential.



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IN THIS advertisement we publish nine rebus pictures, each spelling the name of a city located in the United States. Can you name them correctly? If you can, fill in the slip and send it to us, together with a short, twenty-word article on the city No. 1 named after a famous general. We will give a First Prize of Five Hundred Dollars in Cash to the person whose list is correct, and whose article is best in the estimation of the Committee. For the next best answer, Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars in Cash; for the next best answer, One Hundred and Fifty Dollars in Cash; for the next best answer, One Hundred Dollars in Cash; for the ten next best answers, Twenty-five Dollars each; for the twenty next best answers, Fifteen Dollars each; for the forty next best answers, Ten Dollars each; for the fifty next best answers, Five Dollars each; and everyone naming three or more of these cities correctly will receive a cash prize of One Dollar.

Someone is going to win the money, and it may be you; anyway, it does not cost you any money to try. There is only one easy condition, which will take about one hour of your time, and which we will write you as soon as your answer is received. This rebus is not as easy as it appears, and it will take a great deal of brain work to solve the nine cities correctly. The envelope containing the correct answer has been sealed and deposited with a leading safe deposit company of Boston, and will not be opened until after the close of the contest. This, we believe, is the only honest way of conducting a contest, as everyone will have an equal chance. In the event of a tie, we will request five persons who have answered our advertisement to act as a committee to award the cash pro-rata. They will be invited to come to Boston at our expense and be our guests while in this city. We take this original method of ours of selecting a committee to show our good faith, as we want to treat all in the fairest manner possible. The Committee will be selected, solely upon their merits, from among our contestants, and, in addition to their expenses being paid, we will allow each one Five Dollars a day for their time. You may be asked, but not compelled to act as one of the Committee. The Committee who decided our last contest was composed of the following named persons: Mary A. Dickerson, Cleveland, Ohio; Mabel A. Evans, Cambridge, Mass.; Anna May Bell, Americus, Ga.; Alice S. Smith, Jennings, Mo.; J. Alf. Rea, San Jose, California.

Now, in addition to the cash prizes mentioned above, we are going to give to someone who complies with our easy condition, an opportunity to win and secure from us without any labor or expense on their part, one of the following **Twenty-five prizes which will consist of a free trip to Europe lasting forty days; which means every expense paid, first-class, from the time you leave home until you get home.** Below you will find the daily itinerary:

Tuesday, July 21, sail from Boston via S. S. Cunard Line. Wednesday, July 22, due at Queenstown, Ireland. Thursday, July 23, land at Liverpool and take especially reserved cars for Warwick, Hotel "Warwick Arms." Friday, July 24, make a coaching trip to Sholtery and Stratford-on-Avon, returning to Warwick. Saturday, August 1, visit Warwick Castle, the Leicester Hospital, and the old church of St. Mary, taking an afternoon train for London, "St. Erwin's Hotel."

Friday, August 7, leave by day express, proceed to Newbourn, cross the Channel to Dieppe, and through Normandy, reach Paris. Grand Hotel St. James. Thursday, August 13, leave Paris on a morning train for Brussels, Grand Hotel. Saturday, August 15 (Evening), leave Brussels on evening train for Antwerp, one hour distant. Sunday, August 16, in Antwerp, Hotel Central. Monday, August 17, go by morning train to The Hague and Scheweningen. August 17, go by morning train to The Hague and Scheweningen. August 17, go by morning train to The Hague and Scheweningen.

Hotel des Indes, The Hague. Thursday, August 20, proceed to Rotterdam, and sail by Steamship of the Holland-America Line. Saturday, August 20, due in New York.

To give you a slight idea of the places visited, we append the following:

In London, two days' carriage drives, and visits paid the Guildhall, the Museum, the Corporation Gallery, St. Paul's and the Crypt, Fleet Street, the Law Courts, Middle Temple Hall, the Temple Church and grave of Oliver Goldsmith, the Embankment, Parliament Buildings, Houses of Lords and Commons, Westminster Abbey, Whitehall, Trafalgar Square, the National Gallery, Piccadilly, St. James and Green Parks, Marlborough House, St. James' Palace, Buckingham Palace, Hyde Park, Rotten Row, the Albert Memorial, the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington Museum, the British Museum, Smithfield Market, the Mansion House, Bank of England, the Old Curiosity Shop, and Tower of London.

In Paris. There will be carriage drives, two days to visit the Palais de Justice, Ste. Chapelle, the Pantheon, the Church of St. Etienne du Mont, the Luxembourg Gallery, the Tomb of Napoleon and Les Invalides, the Eiffel Tower, the Trocadero, the Place de la Concorde, the Madeleine, the Park Morceau, the Boulevards, the Opera House, the Porte St. Denis, the Column July, and Place de la Bastille, Pere-la-Chaise, Notre Dame, the Morgue, the Galleries of the Louvre, the Palais Royal and the Gobelins Tapestry Works. A whole day will be devoted to a trip to St. Cloud, thence to the Park of Versailles and the Great and Little Trianon, and to visit the state carriages. From here the party will proceed to the grand Palace at Versailles, and devote the afternoon to its treasures of history and art. In Brussels. Drive, and visit the Hotel de Ville, the Church of Ste. Godelieve, the Palace of Justice, and the Wiertz Picture Gallery.

These are prizes which are worth trying for, and only come once in a lifetime. It will be under the auspices of the "Brown Book," which means that everyone will have a good time.

Now, outside of these twenty-five free European trips, there will be a twenty-sixth prize of Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars, a twenty-seventh prize of Two Hundred Dollars, a twenty-eighth prize of One Hundred Dollars, and Twenty Prizes of Fifty Dollars each, Twenty Prizes of Twenty-Five Dollars each, Twenty Prizes of Fifteen Dollars each, Twenty Prizes of Ten Dollars each, and Fifty Prizes of Five Dollars each. You have an opportunity to win and secure from us **without one cent of expense on your part**, any of the above mentioned prizes. There is positively no deception, and as for trickery, how can there be when the Committee is selected from the contestants, and you yourself might be chosen to decide who the winners are?

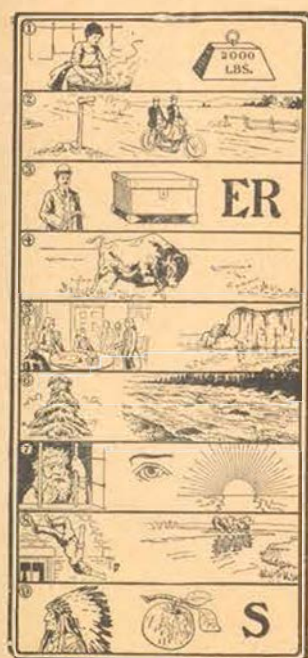
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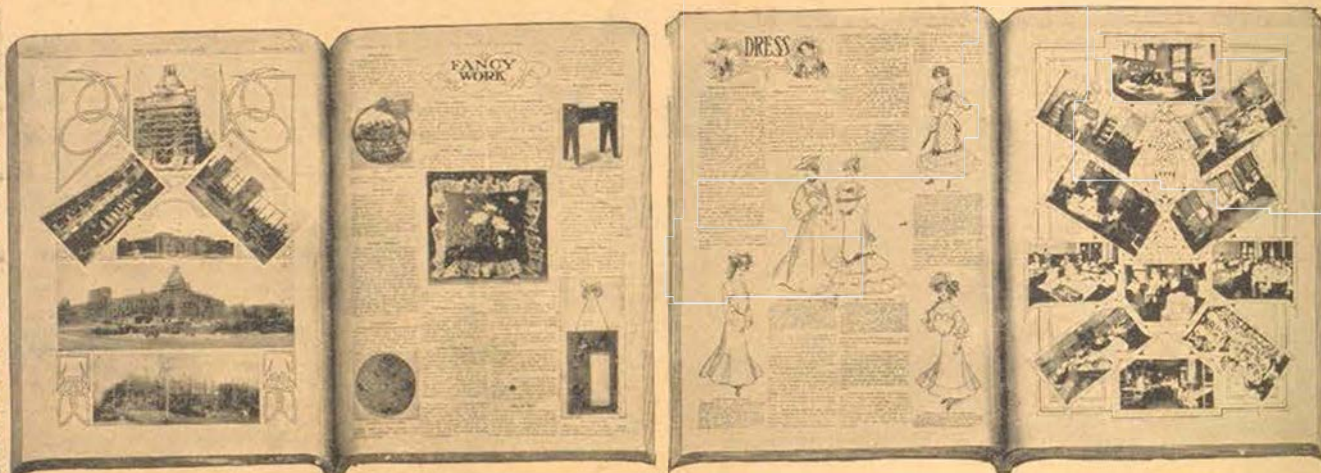
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